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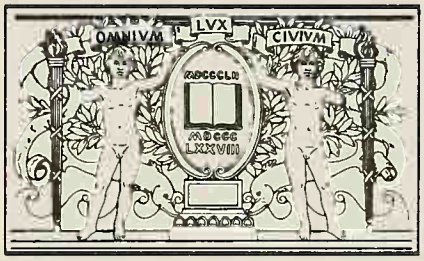

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his ancestors and his descendants to the ninth generation.

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INTRODUCTION TO THE SECOND EDITION

Only 250 copies of the first edition of this book were printed, and they proved completely inadequate to meet the demand. The book was out-of-print in 90 days. A great deal of new information was contributed by persons previously unknown to me, and this edition represents a complete reworking of the text. I have also added information from the 1900 and 1910 census and the latest (1984) edition of the INTERNATIONAL GENEALOGICAL INDEX which lists thousands of Scudamores/Skidmores on both sides of the Atlantic on microfiche.

The Skidmore (Scidmore) family chronicled here were largely Long Islanders. Well into the nineteenth century most of the posterity of Thomas Skidmore (1605-1684) lived within 50 miles of Manhattan on Long Island, in Fairfield County, Connecticut, or in Dutchess County, New York. The family was in Kent County, Delaware, by 1692. Joseph Skidmore (no. 22) of this branch went to Maryland about the year of 1749 to what became Pendleton County, West Virginia, and John Scidmore (no. 28) took his four sons by 1775 to Saratoga County, New York, on the extremities of the American frontier. Two families of Loyalists fled to New Brunswick in 1783 but came back to the States soon after when life there proved difficult. By and large the rest of the family remained to cultivate their acres in Suffolk, Queens, and Fairfield Counties.

The first historian of the family was Emily C. Hawley who published her A GENEALOGICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD OF THE PIONEER THOMAS SKIDMORE (SCUDAMORE) in 1911, to which she later added a supplement. This was gathered largely from hearsay evidences with some extracts from church records and the occasional document. This work largely replaces it, but her book is still useful for portraits of the socially prominent Skidmores living in 1911 largely in New York City. Her notes on the British family are best ignored. The book and supplement (382 pages) are available in Xerox reprint from Books on Demand Order Department, University Microfilms International, Box 1467, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48106. The order number is AG3 OP 10761, and the current price (1980) price is $49.70 plus $5.00 for an optional cloth binding.

There were other emigrants to the United States from England. A Richard Skidmore left posterity in Massachusetts and Maine and an Edward Skidmore was an early settler in Maryland; both of these families seem to be extinct in the male line. There were families of uncertain ancestry in Stafford and Fairfax Counties of Virginia. The Skidmores of Monmouth County, New Jersey, cannot be presently attached to any of the older families. To these must be added the much more prolific family descended from Henry Skidmore (1650-1695) of Sussex County, Delaware, who came out of Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire. His posterity went largely to Yadkin County, North Carolina, and are now numerous in Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, Missouri, Texas, and the west. Anyone who does not find his family in this work might do well to write to Colonel William Skidmore, USA (Retired), 12017 Olympic Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee 37922. Colonel Skidmore and I collaborated on a book on his family in 1983 (SKIDMORE, RICKMANSWORTH, ENGLAND; DELAWARE; NORTH CAROLINA AND

WEST, (1555-1983) with 623 pages of data on the next largest Skidmore family in the United States. It is still available at this time.

The scope of this work should be defined. It includes biographical sketches of the 414 known male descendants of Thomas Skidmore who were married and heads of families by 31 December 1850. Colonel Skidmore and I have additional information on more recent families that we will be happy to supply for the cost of photocopying. We have, for example, all of the Skidmores appearing in the 1900 census.

Additions and corrections to the present work are solicited, and supplements will be published when a sufficient number are collected. If my address should change I will advertise in the GENEALOGICAL HELPER available in most large libraries.

Once again I must acknowledge my immense indebtedness to Colonel Skidmore (and his wife Dr. Ellen Towne Skidmore) who have transferred the whole of this book to their personal computer using a word processing program, and produced an index to every name as well as an index to places.

The decision was made to eliminate all documentation which would have added to the length and cost. It has also meant that I have accepted silently the contributions made by hundreds of descendants, librarians, archivists, court officers, and local historians. To have acknowledged all of them by name in the appropriate places would have again added to the price of the book. Hopefully these economies will enable all of those who would like to own the book to be able to do so.

In 1980 I promised to produce a book on the Scudamore (Skydmore) family at Upton Scudamore in Wiltshire. This was done in 1982 (THE SCUDAMORES OF UPTON SCUDAMORE: A KNIGHTLY FAMILY IN MEDIEVAL WILTSHIRE, 1086-1382) and it is now nearly out-of-print. Next to nothing new has been discovered on this family and no factual errors have been reported to me.

Finally, if Colonel Skidmore and I remain in health, I hope that we can turn out still another book with a complete revision of the Scudamore pedigree in Burke's LANDED GENTRY, 18th edition (London 1972), volume three, pages 811-5. To this will be added pedigrees of the other principal families in England, the United States, Canada, and Australia.

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FIRST GENERATION

THOMAS[1] SKIDMORE (otherwise SCUDAMORE or SCIDMORE) was born at Mayshill in Westerleigh, Gloucestershire. probably in the spring of 1605, and died at Fairfield, Connecticut, on or just previous to 31 October 1684. He was a son of Richard Skydmore, a carpenter who went for a time to Westbury-on-Trym (now a part of metropolitan Bristol) some 12 miles west of Westerleigh. Richard and Annes [Agnes] Lawrence, his parents, were married at Holy Trinity church in Westbury-on-Trym on 4 September 1604. William Scudamore, the paternal grandfather of the young Thomas, lived on until 1615 at Westerleigh, but his maternal grandfather Richard Lawrence, a stonemason at Westbury-on-Trym, had been buried at Holy Trinity on Christmas Day 1603. The ancestry of William Scudamore, the grandfather, will be noted in appendix to this work.

The christening of Thomas Skidmore is not found in the printed register of Holy Trinity. but his parents are known to have returned for a time to Westerleigh. It is likely that the young Thomas was baptized there in the church of St. James the Great in 1605 but the parish register and the bishop's transcript for that year are both lost. He was taken back to Westbury-on-Trym as an infant where his father died soon after. Richard Skydmore was buried in the churchyard at Holy Trinity on 25 November 1606.

Little is known of the childhood of Thomas Skidmore. His mother remarried on 27 September 1608 to John Cooke at Westbury-on-Trym and the register shows that the Cookes had eight children born there between 1609 and 1625. Presumably he lived with his mother and stepfather, but there were probably interludes back at Westerleigh with his grandfather and his uncle Thomas Skidmore. At one of these places he had some formal schooling for he could both read and write, and he also learned the art of blacksmithing (possibly from his uncle John Skidmore who was a smith on Cheap Street in Bath, Somersetshire).

He met and married his first wife Ellen about the year 1626 but the marriage is not found in the register at Westbury-on-Trym. Nothing has been learned of her family, but it is possible that the she was a sister of Daniel Whitehead (1603-1668) of Newtown, Queens County, Long Island. The home of Daniel Whitehead in England remains to be discovered, but he may have been related to the Joseph Whitehead or Whitewood who had married (by 1615) Margery Skidmore, a sister of Richard Skidmore. We will come back to the Whiteheads when we discuss the errors that have been published concerning the children of Thomas Skidmore.

Their eldest son was born about 1627 estimated from a subsequent deposition in Connecticut. Sometime after his birth Thomas Skidmore acquired a leasehold from Thomas Roberts, lord of the manor of Westerleigh, for a messuage with an orchard and a garden on Westerleigh Street in Westerleigh. This lease was to run for 99 years if Thomas, Ellen, or

their son Thomas so long lived; it was terminated at the death of the last survivor among them. It is possible that this leasehold was the same one of a similar description on Westerleigh Street held by his bachelor uncle Thomas Skidmore.

Only one mention is found of Thomas Skidmore, the nephew, in the Court Book of Westerleigh which still survives for the years from 1625 to 1653. On 22 March 1630/1 Thomas Skidmore, Sr., and Thomas Skidmore, Jr., uncle and nephew beyond any doubt, are among the men of Westerleigh who were present at a sitting of the manorial court (a view of frankpledge) and were fined severally 6d to pay the expenses of the court.

Nothing more is known of the younger man until 10 June 1636 when we find him in Massachusetts. On that day Governor John Winthrop wrote to his son John Winthrop, Jr., who was then engaged in settling what is now Saybrook, Middlesex County, Connecticut. Part of the letter deals with supplies sent out to the new plantation from Massachusetts on May 30th. Along with a cargo of dry provisions the elder Winthrop had sent six cows, four steers, and a bull and he writes to his son John that "I left it to James and Thomas Skidmore to send such as might be fittest both for travel and for your use." This letter has sometimes been interpreted to mean that Thomas Skidmore was acting as an agent for the Winthrops in England, but the context makes it certain that the supplies sailed from the Boston area. James is not identified (he is <u>not</u> a Skidmore) but was some other familiar of the Winthrops. He may have been the Christian Indian with this name (but no surname) who is mentioned elsewhere as a servant to the family in the Winthrop papers.

Thomas Skidmore went back to England soon after. On 22 February 1637/7 he was appointed co-administrator (with Joan, widow of his uncle John Scudamore of the city of Bath) of his bachelor uncle Thomas at the Prerogative Court of Canterbury. He was, with his cousins at Bath, an heir to the estate. A year later on 11 March 1637/8 his son Richard was christened at St. James the Great in Westerleigh. This is the only child of Thomas and Ellen to be found in the surviving transcripts of the parish register at Westerleigh (now lost) sent up every year to the bishop at Gloucester. Most years of the transcripts in the 1630s, however, are also lost.

Thomas Skidmore made yet a third trip (his last) back across the Atlantic resolved this time to stay. He purchased a house and lot at Cambridge, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, from Abraham Morrell soon after arriving. In 1635 William Wood wrote in <u>New England's Prospect</u> of Cambridge:

> "This is one of the neatest and best compacted Towns in New England having many fair structures with many handsome contrived streets. The inhabitants most of them are very rich, and well stored with cattell of all sorts; having many

> hundred Acres of ground paled in with one generall fence, which is about a mile and a halfe longe, which secures their weaker Cattle from the wild beasts. On the other side of the River lieth all their medow and Marsh-ground for Hay."

On 25 June 1640 as Thomas Scudamore he executed a power of attorney in the office of Thomas Letchford, an attorney, in Boston. In it he names "my much respected friends Henry Hazzard of Bristol, mariner, and William Prigg, yeoman, of Westerleigh" as agents to sell his messuage on Westerleigh Street for £50. Hazzard was given the first option to buy the lease. He was subsequently a member of the Society of Merchant Venturers at Bristol and may have been the captain or owner of one of the ships on which Thomas Skidmore had made one of his trips over the Atlantic. With a part of the £50 received from the sale Hazzard was to arrange the "passage and transportation of my said wife and our children to this country of New England." The rest of the money was to be spent for "such commodities... as by my letters of advice or other direction I shall warrant him" to be sent over to Massachusetts.

The lease at Westerleigh was purchased by William Prigg, the other attorney, who devised it in his will in 1643 to his son Samuel Prigg. Ellen Skidmore made the difficult trip across the Atlantic with her children soon after, and a son John was born to Thomas and Ellen at Cambridge, Massachusetts, on 11 April 1643.

Thomas Skidmore's home lot at Cambridge stood on a triangular plot between what was then Creek Lane and Wood (now Boylston) Street. Today it faces Harvard Square and is occupied by a block of commercial shops serving Harvard University. His lot is no. 28 on a map and aerial view of Cambridge printed opposite page 192 in Samuel Eliot Morison's The Founding of Harvard College (1935).

In 1643 Thomas Skidmore became one of several associates who undertook to settle Nashaway Plantation (now Lancaster) in Worcester County, Massachusetts although he himself never settled there. On 12 June 1645 he and seven others (Stephen Daye, John Prescott, Herman Garrett, John Hill, Isaac Walker, John Cowdall, and Joseph Jenks) petitioned Governor Thomas Dudley and the General Court for a bridge across the Sudbury River, as "we the said petitioners do find it utterly impossible to proceed forward to plant [at Nashaway] except we have a convenient way made for our transportation of our cattle and goods over Sudbury River and Marsh." On 3 October 1645, Thomas Skidmore (with John Hill, John Davis, Samuel Bitfield, and Mathew Barnes) signed another petition relative to laying out of home lots in the proposed plantation. The £20 granted by the magistrates had not been a sufficient inducement for the men living near the Sudbury to finish the bridge. After John Prescott and his family nearly drowned in fording the river the project languished.

Most of the original associates were workers in iron and it is obvious

that they hoped to improve their lot by means of the valuable ore deposits at Lancaster. Governor Winthrop notes that "the persons interested in this plantation, being most of them poor men, and some of them corrupt in judgment [that is, not of the Puritan persuasion], and others profane, it went very slowly so that in two years they had not three houses built there and he whom they had called to be their minister left them for their delays." Thomas Skidmore seems to have abandoned his interest in 1645, and he is not mentioned among the proprietors after that date.

On 1 June 1646, preparatory to removing to Connecticut, he sold his house and lot at Cambridge to Henry Dunster "with rights and privileges thereunto belonging together with about half a rood adjoining." Dunster had been president of Harvard College since 1640. On the day following he filed a suit at Boston to force Samuel Bitfield, a hooper and his associate at Nashaway, to accept executorship on the one-sentence will of Samuel Crowes, deceased. Crowes' will had directed Bitfield to "take my goods and pay my debts and take the remainder to himself." Thomas Skidmore must have been a creditor and he probably collected this debt as the court decided that this was a lawful will.

The Skidmores joined Governor Winthrop, Jr., almost immediately thereafter at what is now New London, New London County, Connecticut. Reverend Thomas Peters wrote to Winthrop on 29 June 1649 from New London that "we shall be about 50 souls at the arrival of Goodman Skidmore whereof 30 will be infants so that we may call it an infant plantation, sine tropo." The town was then called Pequot or Nameag by the settlers, but was renamed New London in the mistaken belief that it would become a great commercial center because of its deep harbor.

Thomas Skidmore had just arrived when Uncus, the local Indian chief, committed a frightening breach of the peace. He and about 300 of his tribe descended on a hunting party of Englishmen and friendly Indians from the town who were poaching (in his view) on his private reserve. The settlers were chased back to town and an Indian village was destroyed. The English suffered minor losses; Winthrop some wampum, Reverend Peters a hat and a cloak, and several men lost skins to the marauders. Some cattle were driven away but were later returned to the townsmen.

About 15 September 1646 the inhabitants of New London framed a petition to the Commissioners of the United Colonies who were in nominal charge of Indian affairs with the details of the molestations; "Tho: Skidmore" is the first of the seven names underwritten. The commissioners summoned Uncus to a meeting in September 1646 at New Haven. He blandly denied all the charges brought against him except frightening the women and children, and for this he apologized. He was let off with a reprimand; the commissioners later were to deal more harshly with him after further outbursts.

Although the settlers went to New London in 1646 house lots were not granted there until some years later. That of Thomas Skidmore's was entered on 5 October 1649 when by a general vote of the town he was given six acres for a home lot at the south end of Cary Latham's lot, two acres of salt meadow lying on the south side of Isaac Willey's meadow at Mamacock, as well as two more acres above his home lot. The meadow at Mamacock stood on the neck where Fort Trumbull was subsequently built. He recorded earmarks for his cattle about the same time..

On 16 May 1647 Susannah Hudson of Boston wrote to John Winthrop at New London asking him to "stop [collect] 14 shilings for mee for Daniel Whithed, which is in Tomas Chidnor's handes." Daniel Whitehead (1603-1668) had gone to Long Island previous to this date; he was a contemporary of Thomas Skidmore and was almost certainly nearly related to him or his wife Ellen.

Nicholas Davison of Charlestown, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, wrote a similar letter to Winthrop on 29 July 1648 asking him to collect small debts from Thomas Skidmore, Daniel Finch, and Robert Bartlett on behalf of his client Rebecca Glover of London. Thomas Skidmore must have been back to Massachusetts just previous to this date for Davison writes that "I thought Thomas Skidmore would not have gone away when he was here before he had satisfied me."

It was at New London in this period that Edward Higby married Jedidah, the daughter of Thomas Skidmore. To what or to whom Jedidah owed her distinctive Christian name is unknown; the Biblical Jedidah is mentioned only once in the Old Testament (2 Kings 22:1) as the mother of King Josiah. Whatever the source Jedidah became a uniquely Skidmore name and every subsequent use of it in New England stems back to the posterity of Thomas Skidmore.

On 6 September 1649 Skidmore and Higby were defendants in a suit for slander tried at Hartford. The plaintiff was James Wakely who asked for £20 in damages. His suit had only a token success for the court allowed only 2d. But Wakely was not satisfied and on 6 December 1649 he brought a new suit against Skidmore alone for £17 10sh in debt and damages. Wakely was now identified as the attorney for Stephen Daye of Cambridge, Massachusetts. Daye was a locksmith turned printer in New England and had been one of the associates in the Nashaway project; possibly his claim against Skidmore stemmed from that venture. Daye is best known for printing the Bay Psalm Book, the first book printed in New England, but he had been arrested at Boston in 1643 "for his defrauding several men." No testimony survives from the trial but the jury found for Daye to the extent of £15 10sh. This sum Thomas Skidmore paid in April or May of 1650 after he had removed to Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut, and a receipt was duly entered in the deed books of Middlesex County, Massachusetts.

The action in the first suit may have piqued Higby into leaving New

London. The day after the trial he rashly sold his house and six acre lot there to Jarvis Mudge "upon consideration of five bushels of wheat to be paid me and a dog." His father-in-law apparently could not dissuade him from this foolish act for Thomas Skidmore "his hand" was a witness to the deed.

Thomas Skidmore and Edward Higby are both said to have been active in coastal trading along the Connecticut shoreline in this period. No evidence has been found to support this claim for Skidmore, but in 1649 Higby was charged at New Haven for shooting a pig at Branford Harbor. It had come to the waterside to feed while Higby and two men of his crew were mending their boat on the beach. In 1654 Higby bought a much larger boat and made several trips to the West Indies.

He followed his daughter and Higby to Stratford by 1650, and remained in the town for most of the decade following. An undated list of owners of the fence about the common field at Stratford probably dating from about 1650 lists Thomas Scidmore with 12 rods 3 feet. His daughter Dorothy Skidmore married Hugh Griffin here on 20 July 1652 and it was probably at Stratford that his first wife Ellen died. He was still at Stratford in 1659 but in November 1660 he sold "all my accommodation in Stratford" to Alexander Bryan of Milford for £60; he was already at Fairfield in the same county when the deed was signed. His name is still on the land at Stratford where Skidmore Hill near Negro Brook at Oronoque survives as a place-name.

He accumulated a number of tracts, both by purchase and town meeting grants, at Fairfield. It was here that he married his second wife Joanna, the widow of Nathaniel Baldwin who had died in 1658. She had seven children by her two previous husbands -- four by Richard Westcott and three by Baldwin. Thomas Skidmore seems to have been given the administration of the estates of both of these gentlemen. As early as 14 February 1664/5 John Weed of Stamford (who had married Joanna Westcott) receipts to his "father-in-law" [stepfather] Thomas Skidmore for her share of her father's estate. This was the first in a long series of documents at Fairfield settling the Westcott and Baldwin affairs as his stepchildren became of age.

On 19 June 1667 Joanna Skidmore made a will at Fairfield in which she describes the covenant made between herself and Thomas Skidmore at the time of their marriage. They had agreed that she would keep £20 of her estate "at her dispose" and to this was to be added another £20 if she should die before her husband. She had spent £2 and she left the remaining £28 to be divided equally among her seven children. Her sons John and Daniel Westcott are named executors and were to have the improvement of these legacies until her other children came of age or married. William Ward and John Burr were named overseers; Ward and Josiah Harvey were witnesses. Joanna was able to write, at least in a small way, for her will is signed "Ŧoa. Sk."

Her will was not recorded until February 1677/8, but Joanna Skidmore seems to have died in fact soon after it was signed in 1667. She was attended in her last illness by Governor Winthrop, Jr., who was in addition to his other talents the most sought after physician in New England. Still preserved is his case book in which he made brief notes on his patients and prescriptions. From this we find that at the time of her last illness Joanna was aged 55 and a sister of Ann the wife of Robert Sanford of Hartford. Their parentage remains to be discovered; they were not the daughters of Jeremy Adams as is frequently said.

After the death of his second wife Thomas Skidmore went to Huntington, Suffolk County, Long Island, across the sound from Fairfield, Connecticut, and from this time until at least 1682 he maintained "accommodations" in both towns and commuted back and forth between them.

He went next, by way of Huntington, to East Hampton, Long Island, at the other end of Suffolk County where he had the grant of a house and lot on the north side of the parsonage lot on condition that he work as blacksmith in the town for six years. This grant (which styled him an "inhabitant of Huntington") was dated 12 February 1668/9. He had left East Hampton by 6 March 1670/1 when he was the defendant in a suit for debt and damages brought by Thomas Barker of East Hampton at the Court of Sessions. The defendant is called here once again "of Huntington" and "it appearing to the court that by reason of sickness the defendant is necessarily hindered from making his appearance, the court refers the trial of this action to the Court of Session to be held at Southold next June." The same lot was granted on 11 May 1671 to another blacksmith, Thomas Smith, who also did not seem to be taken with East Hampton or his accommodation. He left in 1672.

He returned to Huntington, Long Island, where his son Thomas had settled before him many years previously. There has been considerable confusion between the Thomas Skidmores at Huntington, and much has been attributed to Thomas, Sr., which were in fact accomplishments of his son. Moreover a grandson of the same name also came of age about this time to still further cloud the problem.

Thomas Skidmore, Sr., remained at Huntington until 22 January 1672 when he (now conveniently identified as "blacksmith") sold all of his accommodation there, his six acre home lot, his house and shop, and eight acres of meadow on Santepauq Neck, to Epenetus Platt. Reserved in this deed were his farm east of Cow Harbor (now Northport, L. I.) and the fruit of one apple tree for the ensuing year. It was also agreed that he might have the use of his shop until October. Platt kept all this until at least 5 September 1693; his will signed that day devised the accommodation that he had purchased of Thomas Scidmore with all rights and privileges of lands and meadows "being by denomination a two hundred pound alotmt" to his son Jonas Platt.

His return to Fairfield may have been occasioned by his third marriage;

his new wife was Sarah Howes, the widow of Ralph Keeler who had died at Fairfield in the fall of 1672. Sarah Keeler was the daughter of Robert Howes, a citizen and fishmonger of the parish of St. Martin Orgar, London, and previously the relic of Edward Treadwell of Huntington (by whom she had six children) and Edward Whelpley of Fairfield. Thomas Skidmore was her fourth husband. On 8 December 1673 Thomas Skidmore was (with Ezbon Wakeman and William Ward) appraisers of the estate of John Knowles, late of Fairfield.

He still continued to take an interest in the welfare of his Baldwin stepchildren, and he and Cornelius Hull of Fairfield gave several deeds jointly as the administrators of Nathaniel Baldwin. On 20 June 1677 he gave an important deed to his stepson Daniel Westcott of his own land. It included his home lot of 2 1/2 acres with his dwelling, barn and orchard (except that part previously deeded to his stepson-in-law William Read), seven acres in the "new field," and tracts at the "great meadow" and at Sascoe Neck. Thomas Skidmore was now about 73 and this seems to have comprised most of his holdings at Fairfield; they were conveyed to Westcott with the stipulation that he was not "to enter upon the said parcels until the expiration of the natural life of Thomas Skidmore, Senior." On 3 January 1681 Westcott resold a part of this land to his half-sister and William Reed, her husband, noting in the deed that it was not to be recorded until after the death of Thomas Skidmore, Sr.

On 5 March 1678/9 he sold to Ezbon Wakeman two parcels of his lands at Fairfield as well as "the one-half of his portion that hath in the perpetual common" in the town, as well as his interest in the two dividends at Compo. On 2 April 1679 he sold another parcel to Richard Ogden of Fairfield and he was presumably now landless with only a life interest in his dwelling in the town.

On 14 October 1679 he petitioned the court for relief from the unnecessary debts that his "servant" Samuel Griffin had run up while he (Griffin) was away in the colony's service. Young Griffin (1657-1691) was his grandson, the second son of his daughter Dorothy, wife of Hugh Griffin. He had been apprenticed to his grandfather to learn the art of blacksmithing. The court found for Thomas Skidmore and Samuel was ordered to be arrested when he "comes into these parts ... for the recovery of the same." The report of this case has been frequently cited as evidence that Skidmore (now about 74 years of age) served in King Philip's War, a transparent error.

In 1681 he was back at Huntington, Long Island. The town now granted him "a little piece of land that joineth to Epenetus Platt's lot" and joining the shop of his extravagant grandson Samuel Griffin. The grant was full of restrictions probably because of his advanced age. If Thomas Skidmore died or removed the land was to revert to the town, but they would pay for any house or shop he built on it. If he removed but left a working blacksmith in the shop then the lot was to remain his property.

On 20 January 1681/2 he leased his house and farm at Fresh Ponds in Huntington to Joseph Whitman for three years at £9 annual rent. The lease was to begin on 16 April 1682 and Whitman agreed "to leave the houseing in good repair, casualty of fire excepted." This is the last mention of Thomas Skidmore, Sr., at Huntington.

He went back finally to Fairfield. On 22 March 1681/2 he drew a lot in Fairfield when the town divided "ye old Indian field." His right in the town continued even after his death; in 1688 when Paul's Neck and Wolf Swamp were divided by lottery he had an interest.

His will was signed there on 20 April 1684. It leaves to his wife Sarah all his estate and "if God shall take her away before she hath spent all of the said estate" then one half of the residue was at her dispose and the other half was to be divided among his grandsons John Higby ("that married my wife's daughter") and John Skidmore. John Higby (1649-1688) had married Rebecca Treadwell on 1 May 1689; they lived in Middletown, Connecticut. The bequest to his grandson John Skidmore is a confusion as he had two living grandsons of this name. Probably intended was the John of Stratford, Connecticut, who seems to have made his home after his father's death with his grandfather.

His widow was also to pay 12d to each of his grandchildren who, unfortunately, were not named. She was appointed the sole executrix and Lieutenant John Banks and William Hill, Sr., were named overseers; Hill and Cornelius Hull, Jr., were the witnesses. The will is signed only with a large shakey "T"; presumably his sight or strength had failed him by this date.

Thomas Skidmore died at Fairfield on or just previous to 31 October 1684. The inventory of his estate was taken on November 13th and the widow was still alive on the 15th to certify the work by Jonathan Morehouse and Joseph Rowland as a true account. On December 8th the will and inventory were exhibited at court and it is noted that "the said Sarah is also within a fortnight after her husband's decease also taken away by death."

Thomas Skidmore is also noted as deceased in a deed dated 1 November 1684 at Huntington; news of his death had obviously crossed Long Island Sound quickly. On that day John Skidmore, Jr., purchased six acres of meadow at Crab Meadow which had belonged to Thomas Skidmore, deceased, from Andrew Gibb of Brookhaven who was acting attorney for George Foreman. This seems to be the tract that Thomas had mortgaged on 14 January 1681 to John Jones, a merchant of New York, for the balance due Jones on account. It would seem that John Skidmore paid off this mortgage and collected a title to the meadow.

The inventory of his estate totaled £64 0sh 2d and it shows that Thomas had disposed of all his real property before his death. He had probably

made gifts of money and personal property to many of his children and grandchildren before his death; the will of his son John mentions £50 given to him by his father in New England. Aside from his clothes, a book, a sword, and a horse, all the items are household goods and provisions -- pewter, brass, linen, beds and bedding, a smoothing iron, chests, lamps, a chafing dish, salt, Indian corn, pork, venison, etc. There were debts, not specified, owing to the estate of £22 17sh 0d.

On the death of the executrix "whereby the estate is left destitute of an Administrator" the court appointed Samuel Treadwell and Isaac Wheeler to administer the estate. Samuel Treadwell was a son of Sarah Skidmore but the interest (if any) of Wheeler does not appear.

Thomas Skidmore and his last two wives are doubtless buried in "Burial Hill" on the south side of Concord Street in Fairfield. The town abounded with native stone but the early gravestones there have all either crumbled away or have been covered with the deposits of time.

Thomas Skidmore, who was almost 80 at the time of his death, survived all five of his proven children. Several other children are sometimes given for him in error. It is frequently said that he was the father of Jane Ireland who was the widow of Daniel Whitehead (1603-1668) and the mother of his four youngest children. She married, secondly, about 1672 to John Ingersoll of Huntington by whom she had four more children. The inventory of the estate of Daniel Whitehead dated 13 November 1668 mentions a cow confirmed to his son Adam Whitehead (an undeniable son of Jane) "it having been given to him by his grandfather Ireland." This effectively eliminates Jane as a child of Thomas Skidmore.

There can be little doubt, however, that the Skidmores and Whiteheads were related in some way. While the inventory of Daniel Whitehead has survived, his will has disappeared. It was never recorded in the will books probably because Whitehead died heavily in debt and the will was set aside. A brief entry shows that his wife had been named executrix, but she renounced, and one of his creditors was appointed administrator. The loose will was still in the Surrogate's Court in New York City as late as the Civil War. Charles B. Moore who published a history of Hempstead, Long Island, in 1879 had clearly seen it there but does not give an abstract. It seems to have also been used by at least one Whitehead family genealogist in the same period but he appears to have misinterpreted the evidence it contains. We can only guess that the will may have mentioned Thomas Skidmore, possibly calling him "brother," and that on the basis of this it was immediately assumed that Jane Whitehead was the sister of Thomas Skidmore, Jr. Other interpretations are more likely.

Daniel Whitehead, Sr., had three older children by a wife (or wives) not certainly known although it seems next to certain that in 1658 Whitehead was married to a daughter of Thomas Armitage of Hempstead. Whether she was the mother of his three eldest children [Major Daniel, Jr. (1646-

1704), David, and Sarah, wife of Thomas Oakley] is unknown, but is a workable hypothesis. What is certain is the bond that existed between the two families: in 1678 Daniel Whitehead, Jr., was name an overseer of the will of John Skidmore of Jamaica and he maintained an interest in Skidmore's five orphaned children until they reached adulthood. The posterity of Thomas Skidmore and Daniel Whitehead intermarried for several generations as will be seen. Thomas Skidmore, 3rd, of Crabmeadow in Huntington, sold land to Jemina Whitehead (a daughter of Jane Ireland) and her husband Jonathan Lewis, and in 1702 he petitioned for and received the administration on the estate of her half brother Simon Ingersoll. It has been noted earlier that as early as 1647 Thomas Skidmore was held accountable for a debt owed by Daniel Whitehead, Sr., but it does not appear that Whitehead had a Skidmore wife at that date. We are left with the supposition that Ellen Skidmore was related to Whitehead. Proof must await further evidence.

Two other children given in error for Thomas Skidmore can be disposed of easily: a son Joseph (this name was misread for John in the Cambridge vital records), and a daughter Grace who was in fact a granddaughter (a daughter of Thomas Scidmore, Jr., as close attention to the Huntington deeds proves).

It has also been suggested that the wife of Samuel Jackson of Fairfield whose Christian name is unknown, was related to either the Skidmore or Higby family since two of her children named their eldest daughters Jedidah presumably for their grandmother Jackson.

Children: (all born in England except the last)

2. i. Thomas, born about 1627.
ii. Jedidah, born about 1630. She married Edward Higby about 1648 and died about 1658 at Huntington, Long Island.
iii. Dorothy, born about 1634. She married Hugh Griffin of Stratford, Connecticut, on 20 June 1652. She was buried 30 April 1670 in the Old Burying Ground at Stratford.
3. iv. Richard, baptized 11 March 1637/8 at Westerleigh, Gloucestershire.
4. v. John, born 11 April 1643 at Cambridge, Massachusetts.

SECOND GENERATION

2. THOMAS[2] SKIDMORE (otherwise SCUDAMORE or SCIDMORE) was the eldest son of Thomas (no. 1) and Ellen (_____) Skidmore. He was born about 1627 by his own deposition (he stated he was age 53 when he testified on 11 April 1681 in a trial at Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut) most likely at Westerleigh, Gloucestershire. The Bishop's transcript for 1627 (from Lady Day to Lady Day) is missing. He appears to have died at Huntington, Suffolk County, Long Island, in 1683, after January 13th but before December 27th. He married Grace _____ who was probably a daughter of one of the early settlers of Hempstead, Queens County, Long Island. She survived him and was living at Hempstead as late as 31 August 1698.

Of his early life we have but little information. He certainly had an adequate education, perhaps largely in England before he sailed with his mother to Massachusetts when he was 13 or 14. No mention has been found of him in Connecticut and he apparently went out as a young man soon after 1650 to Hempstead, Long Island, perhaps following Daniel Whitehead. The first book of records for Hempstead covering the years 1643-1653 was badly mouse-eaten as early as 1704 and has since completely disappeared. On an undated list (probably from 1657) he is recorded as already owning six gates (pasturage rights) at Cow Neck in Hempstead. He owned six acres of meadow at Fordham's Neck; these were regranted by the town on 24 March 1659 (after he had left) to Robert William together with an addition previously made to Skidmore. His six gate right at Cow Neck was not regranted until 3 June 1669 when it was given to John Searing. It appears that he moved to Huntington, Long Island, about 1658.

This Thomas Skidmore never followed his father's trade of blacksmithing. His vocation, other than husbandry, was the law, and he has been called the "first attorney of Suffolk County." No special license or examination was required of an attorney at this early period. Until the end of Dutch rule on Long Island in 1664 justice was dispensed largely by the town courts. The frequency with which his name appears in the surviving minutes of the early courts at Hempstead, Huntington, Oyster Bay, and elsewhere, makes it certain that he earned a part of his living pleading cases and writing legal documents for the less articulate townsmen of those places.

Under the Dutch rule no written code was followed and a case was judged by the town magistrates (or overseers as they were sometimes called) either by common sense or what they remembered of English law from the old country. Thomas Skidmore was a magistrate at Huntington as early as 1667 (serving for many years thereafter) and had perhaps served earlier under the Dutch. A single case may serve to indicate the nature of the work. On 6 May 1659 Thomas Skidmore gave a receipt for something over

£15 paid in full satisfaction of a sentence awarded him as an attorney in a case tried at Hempstead. He had appeared there in behalf of Edward Higby who had acquired a cow which Joseph Scott of Hempstead had sold under "several false pretenses" to Daniel Whitehead. The verdict was a severe one: Scott was ordered to pay the value of the cow with interest for eight years, for one summer's milk, the court costs, and the charges for Skidmore's trip from Huntington to the Hempstead court.

In addition to his trial work he wrote deeds, leases, wills, powers of attorney, and depositions for the people of Huntington and the surrounding towns. On 19 June 1660, for example, he wrote a power of attorney for Eunice, the widow of Jonathan Porter, who had property to dispose of in Salem, Essex County, Massachusetts. This is signed "Thomas Skidmore, notary." Other examples of his work can be detected by his signature (usually the last) to documents. There were doubtless many others that he wrote that were carried away by his clients to be signed and witnessed elsewhere.

He was a town clerk at Huntington as early as 1659 though he was not the first clerk there as has been stated. His signature is found throughout the early records of the town frequently abbreviated to "Thomas Skid. clark." He also seems to have been the town treasurer for the next 20 years or so. On 28 June 1660 he was named to make a rate for the building of a school house and to pay the bounty on wolves as well as "all other debts as concern the town."

Jedidah Skidmore, his sister and the first wife of Edward Higby, died at Huntington about 1658. Higby was the captain of a boat doing an extensive business with the West Indies. In 1660 his ship was long overdue and presumably lost and on May 12th the town court called out his will for probate. Before his last trip Higby had married as his second wife Lydia Smith and the four children that he had by Jedidah Skidmore were taken from their stepmother. They were given to Thomas Skidmore who was to have the "disposing" of them until they came of age. Fortunately Higby returned home safely soon after and later gave up the sea.

On 30 November 1666 Thomas Scudamore and seven other worthies of Huntington were named as patentees in a charter given by Governor Richard Nicolls who was acting for the new English proprietor, the Duke of York. This document became the town's most valuable possession. Before this date their only title to the land they farmed rested in doubtful deeds from the Indians who had previously occupied the land any number of whom could claim ownership. Thomas Scudamore had advanced part of the money for the expense of obtaining the patent and was later repaid in part from the sale of land in the town.

About the same time Nicolls caused a manuscript of the Duke of York's laws for the colony of New York to be sent to every town on Long Island. Huntington's copy still survives in the town clerk's office and it must have been well used by Thomas Skidmore. Perhaps the most appreciated

provision of the Duke's laws was the guarantee that any man who had held land for four years of quiet possession before 1 September 1665 now had a good fee simple title to it.

The English also set up an appellate court sitting at New York City before the Governor and his Council ("the Assizes") and divided Long Island into three counties with a Court of Sessions for each to replace the town courts. On 27 September 1666 Thomas Skidmore appeared before the high court in New York City where he offered a deposition on behalf of the town whose title to Eaton Neck was disputed by Robert Seeley. On the same day he appeared as a juror in a case between the towns of Gravesend and Flatbush who were in disagreement over their boundary.

In the minute books of the first Court of Sessions for the new county of Suffolk he appears as the attorney for Jonas Wood in the very first case tried before the court sitting at Southold. Wood had brought suit against Jonathan Smith (a son of Richard "Bull" Smith of Smithtown) for stealing his horse and placing "new marking and docking" on the animal. The defendant was ordered to give bond and appear for trial on 1 June 1670. The verdict went to Skidmore and his client and Smith was ordered to pay the cost of the suit as well as 30sh in damages. Thomas Skidmore was also to have 25sh as his fee "besides his charges" [expenses]. It is likely that Thomas Skidmore appeared frequently before the Sessions in Queens County formed at the same time, but the early records of that court are lost.

His most important case was the suit between the town of Huntington and Richard "Bull" Smith of Smithtown. Both parties had a claim to land on the west bank of the Nissequoque River. In 1656 the men of Huntington had purchased the tract from a Matincoe sachem named Asharoken for two coats, four shirts, eleven ounces of powder, and seven quarts of "likker." Smith's claim came from a deed given in 1659 by Wyandance, a Montauk chief, to Lion Gardiner who had conveyed it in 1663 to Smith. Huntington would seem to have the better case since the land had been confirmed to the town in Governor Nicolls' patent which had named the Nissequoque as the <u>eastern</u> boundary of the town. Thomas Skidmore appeared as attorney for the town when the case was tried before the Assizes and Governor Lovelace at New York City on 6 October 1670. He won the case and Richard Smith was ordered to pay the cost of the trial but no damages.

One of the conditions of the verdict was that the men Huntington must settle the land within three years, which they proceeded to do. The tract was divided into ten farms of 40 acres each which were then divided among the townsmen by lottery. The fifth of these farms lying on the west side of Fresh Pond fell at the drawing to Thomas Skidmore and three others. The others conveyed their interest to Thomas Skidmore and he in turn conveyed the full 40 acres to his daughter Grace and her husband John Goulding. The Gouldings settled there in accordance with an agreement signed on 23 September 1672 in which the farmers promised,

among other provisions, not to sell or let any part of the farms to persons "of vicious life or truly of an evil report."

The revival of Dutch rule on Long Island in 1673 completely upset life in the English towns. After taking New York on July 30th the Dutch sent each town a summons to confer with them. Before attending this meeting the representatives from Southampton, East Hampton, Southold, Setauket, Jamaica and Huntington met privately at Jamaica to evolve a joint strategy. Thomas Skidmore and Isaac Platt were Huntington's delegates to the meeting held on 14 August 1673 and they helped draft a petition to set before the Dutch. Their plea was largely for religious freedom and self-government and the Dutch were found to be tolerant on these points. The English on Long Island had little to complain about during the 15 months of subsequent Dutch supervision.

Richard Smith found the new regime a convenient opportunity to reopen his suit with Huntington over the Nissequoque River land and he petitioned the Dutch for a hearing. He claimed that Huntington had introduced a false bill of sale as well as several false witnesses at the trial in 1670 and had (perhaps more importantly) "disturbed" him from the land he had enjoyed peaceably for seven or eight years previous to the trial. No one from Huntington seems to have been present at the hearing and it is not surprising that the Dutch governor reversed the earlier decision. Before any action was taken by Smith to eject the farmers at Nissequoque the Dutch themselves had left.

With the return of the English in 1674 the case once again came before the new governor, Sir Edmund Andros, and his council. The men of Huntington had been unable to come to terms with Smith for the purchase or rental of the land. The case was reopened at New York City on 11 October 1675 and one of the first witnesses was John Scudamore who offered testimony "about which his brother came from Huntington." On the day following the governor's secretary, Mathias Nicolls, entered a petition charging the inhabitants of Huntington (and particularly Thomas Skidmore, Jonas Wood, Isaac Platt, and Thomas Powell) with slander. Specifically he charged them with saying that in, before, and after April 1674 he had falsified the records of the colony. He asked that they be made to prove their charges or else be bound to good behavior, which the court allowed.

After this rebuke Thomas Skidmore went home leaving a long brief signed by him (as Thomas Scudamore) to be introduced in court the next day. His letter to the Assizes was duly entered on 13 October 1675 and is an excellent summation of the plight of the farmers at Nissequoque. He writes that they "sat down, built upon, cleared fences, planted and plowed" all in direct obedience to the decision handed down earlier by Governor Lovelace. The court found, however, for Richard Smith who offered to let the Huntington men remain on their farms until 1 May 1676 "to enjoy the benefit of their corn now in the ground."

SECOND GENERATION

On 8 December 1679 the town gave Thomas Skidmore 14 days in which to pay in provisions two bills totaling £3 18sh 0d which he had "occasioned" the town to spend at New York City. The order notes that the bills were long overdue and may date from the trial of 1675. The same order enjoined him "to do that with the Indians which you yet have not done" but the import of this is not clear.

In 1674 Mark Meggs, a miller at Huntington, had deeded land to Jacob Walker of Stratford, Connecticut, in return for maintenance in his old age. Walker appears to have defaulted and on 11 April 1681 Thomas Skidmore, aged 53, testified to these facts across Long Island Sound at Stratford. This is the most precise information that we have to his date of birth.

Thomas Skidmore died, doubtless at Huntington, in 1683. He was living on 12 January 1682/3 when he signed a confirmation to a deed given by his son Thomas 3rd to Jonathan Lewis. He was probably still living on 2 April 1683 when his son is still called "junior" in a deed. He died soon after, perhaps suddenly, for if he left a will it was never probated. His two sons appear to have made an equal division of his lands amiably before 27 December 1683; on a tax list ordered taken that day (and set down within the next four days) we find Thomas 3rd and John, his two sons, assessed on similar sums.

Grace Scidmore was living as late as 31 August 1698 when her name appears on a list of inhabitants of Hempstead; she must have been about 70 at this date. This list (which burned in the fire at the New York State Library in 1911) was first copied in 1876 by Henry Onderdonk, Jr., and her name was then fully legible. Another copy of the list made in 1899 was published in the New York Biographical and Genealogical Record (vol. 45, p. 60); by this date the corner of the page which identified Grace as a Scidmore had broken off. She is listed between the households of Eunice Southward and Robert Mervil, Sr. Whether she was living with one of these families or alone is left unstated; neither family is presently known to be related.

Thomas Skidmore's home in Huntington was at West Crabmeadow Neck. It passed to his son John (presumably by an unrecorded division) and remained with his descendants for several generations. Thomas Skidmore is said to have been buried nearby in the old Crabmeadow "Burying Hill" which lies west of the main Crabmeadow Road. The cemetery is on a mound in the center of a marsh and can only be reached by crossing private property.

Grace, the only daughter yet discovered, married John Goulding of Huntington about 1673. They were living in the town as late as 24 June 1687 when they acknowledged a deed selling the farm where they were then living to Richard Gildersleeve of Hempstead. They appear to have removed immediately after this date, perhaps to Brookhaven, Long Island.

Children:

5. i. Thomas 3rd.
6. ii. John.
iii. Grace, married about 1673 John Goulding of Huntington.

3. RICHARD[2] SKIDMORE (otherwise SKYDMORE) was the 2nd son of Thomas (no. 1) and Ellen (_____) Skidmore. He was baptized at the church of St. James the Great, Westerleigh, Gloucestershire on 11 March 1637/8, and died probably at Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut, soon after 15 October 1661, a bachelor.

He was about three years old when he came to Massachusetts with his mother. He learned the art of blacksmithing from his father but nothing is certainly known him of until he settled at about the age of 20 at Southold, Suffolk County, Long Island. On 22 November 1658 the town meeting at Southold agreed that "Richard Skydmore should have four acres of land next to the cartway lying to Richard Browne's home lot for a house lot, and meadow and commons to make it in proportion to a first lot in case he fence it and build on it for a habitation, not otherwise."

Two years later he found himself in trouble at Southold of his own making. The story is told completely in the deposition of Abraham Whittier of Southold, then aged 22. Whittier, Skidmore, and Benjamin Moore went hunting wild turkeys at Oyster Pond Neck in a boat belonging to Thomas Moore, Sr. The party came upon some hogs belonging to John Budd and his father. Richard Skidmore shot and killed some nine of these, including one too poor in meat to carry home. This carcass he moved from the "place he had killed her in and laid her under a tree that was fallen down in case any saw her they should think the fall of the tree was her death." Whittier's narrative is somewhat confused but it would seem that Skidmore and Moore returned to the Neck the following week and killed two or three more hogs. When they returned to the town in a bloody boat after this second trip they met Whittier who asked Richard Skidmore "Hast thou so little wit as not to make clean the boat?" Skidmore replied that Whittier "did but dream -- there was no blood in the boat but which came of three ducks and a turkey which they had killed."

Shortly thereafter Richard Skidmore appeared in Southold with a cloak, a fine red suit, and a silk neck cloth which had been obtained for him by Thomas Moore, Sr. Moore had taken a barrel of the stolen pork and bartered it for the clothes to some Quakers anchored on board a ship in Long Island Sound "so Skidmore's name might not be brought in question about it." His thievery did not go long undetected. Southold was then under the jurisdiction of the New Haven Court and John Budd named Skidmore a defendant "on suspicion of felony" on 28 May 1660. Certain of Skidmore's goods were attached against his appearance.

The warrant was found to be defective on a technicality and when Skidmore's name was called in court "he answered not" and the case was continued. At this point Budd transferred his suit to the magistrate's court at Huntington, adding Whittier and Benjamin Moore to the bill. The case was tried there on 30 March 1661 and the verdict was that the suspicion was proved by the evidence "but not sufficient to give plaintiff damages." Budd had every reason to be annoyed with the court but the matter ended there.

Later in the same year Richard Skidmore moved to Norwalk, Connecticut, where on 15 October 1661 it was "ordered that Richard Skidmore is admitted an inhabitant and is to have a piece of ground for a shop on the hill down to the swamp." How long he lived after this date is unknown. His lot at Southold was subsequently granted to Henry Case, and he is noted as "deceased" in an entry in the Southold town records dated February 1661/2.

4. JOHN[2] SKIDMORE (otherwise SCUDAMORE) was the youngest son of Thomas (no. 1) and Ellen (_____) Skidmore. He was born at Cambridge, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, on 11 April 1643 and died at Jamaica, Queens County, Long Island, before 7 July 1680. He married Susanna, a daughter of Fulk Davis of Jamaica, about 1662.

He was taken to Connecticut when he was three and presumably his education was had there. No mention is found on him in that colony, but he had settled (and no doubt married) at Jamaica by 15 November 1662 when it was voted and concluded at a town meeting that "John Skidmore shall have the first lot next the highway ... upon consideration that he shall do the town's work for smithery."

On 1 January 1663/4 he signed his name as one of the proprietors of Jamaica in a statement of allegience addressed to Charles II. Long Island was under Dutch rule at this date and the men of Jamaica protest that their "soil being invaded and His Majesty's rights usurpted by the Hollanders to the great scandal of government and discouragement of His Majesty's hopeful plantation which we will for the future defend as Englishmen, just proprietors, and loyal subjects."

He must have been on a visit to his father on 9 November 1666, for on that date John Westcott of Fairfield gave a receipt to his stepfather Thomas Skidmore for his share of his father's estate; John Skidmore and Robert Bloomer were the witnesses.

His name appears frequently in the Jamaica town minutes. On 5 February 1663/4 it is recorded that all of the town present "have given John Skidmore their share of the smith's tools." As early as 1668 his signature begins to appear in the town records as "John Skidmore clark," although it is not until 4 April 1670 that we find him elected to that office; on that date "it was voted and concluded that John Skidmore

should be town clerk for the present year and the town is to give him twelve shillings for his pains." The Duke of York's laws had provided that a Protestant church be established in every town but did not specify the denomination; Jamaica's was Presbyterian in doctrine. John Skidmore was clerk of it also because all of the business of the church was transacted at the town meetings. The First Presbyterian Church of Jamaica dates from 1662 and claims to be the oldest church of the denomination in the United States.

His home lot in Jamaica was on the north side of the burying ground (now Prospect Cemetery at 159th Street near Jamaica Avenue). This was confirmed to him on 23 May 1673 the record noting that he was to leave a "sufficient highway to the burying place." On 18 April 1673 it was agreed at a meeting of the constables and overseers of the town "that Thomas Smith and John Skidmore be Waywardings for this present year to call so many men as they shall see cause of need require for repairing and clearing the highway."

In addition to blacksmithing John Skidmore was also a tobacco planter. On 12 March 1674/5 he had from the constable and overseers the lease of a town lot and barn "to cure a crop of tobacco in and the land to plant a crop upon." In consideration of this he was to repair the fence about the orchard and make and hang a pair of barn doors. This lot was apparently the one designated for the town minister for John Skidmore was to enjoy the fruit in the orchard unless "the town doth procure a minister that shall come in time enough to make use of the fruit of the orchard then the town shall pay for the doors." Ministers and blacksmiths were both hard to come by and the English towns went to any length to "entertain" one among them.

It was about this time that his eldest son John, then about 12 years old, accidentally shot and killed a young friend, Thomas Barker, while his parents were gone from home. In spite of his youth the lad was indicted for murder. On 22 July 1675 John and Susanna Skidmore addressed a petition to Governor Andros: "to our grief and trouble it fell out so that my son taking up a gun which stood in the house not knowing it was charged as we have very good grounds to believe (for we can prove it was charged when the boy was abroad in the fields) yet presuming to cock the gun without examining it whether it was charged or not, it did that mischievous act killing the other for which hath been so great a grief to your petitioners in so much that we know not well how to bear our affliction." The petition asks that the case be heard by persons unprejudiced to their son for "seeing some of our neighbors manifest so much malice against us and our child adds much to our grief... for though our child is dear to us yet we are so far from sustaining our child in any evil act that we shall not in the least measure to about to make the case better or worse than it is." The petition is signed by John Skidmore and the mark of Susanna, his wife.

The trial was at New York City on 7 October 1675. Samuel Barker, the

father of the victim, brings an indictment against John Scudamore, Jr., who was brought to the bar. The jury was sworn and lads present at the shooting ("not being put upon their oaths as being too young") declare their knowledge of the accident. Several witnesses were produced who said that there was no quarrel between the boys. John Scudamore, Sr., who seems to have acted as his son's attorney, then called Nathaniel Denton who stated that the young Barker forgave John Scudamore before he died and "the father did the like." Governor Andros, who presided, gave the charge to the jury and they retired while another case was tried. The jury returned with a verdict of "chance medley" and the court gave judgment that the prisoner was cleared by proclamation.

On 13 February 1677/8 John Skidmore "being now sick of the small poxe" made his last will. His wife had died just previous to this date perhaps of the same complaint. He left all of his property to be divided among his five children. Also to be included in the division was the "£50 given to me by my father Thomas Skidmore of Fairfield in New England which I have a deed of gift for under his hand and seal which I do give my eldest son John Skidmore power to recover on behalf of himself and the rest of my children." The three eldest children were to have leave to choose their own masters with the approval of the overseers of his will. The two youngest children, Joseph and Abigail, were to have £20 above their equal share of the estate towards their bringing up. The white calf given to Abigail and the black horse given to the boys by his wife before her death were confirmed to them. Daniel Whitehead and Joseph Smith, Sr., were appointed overseers "to see that this my will is punctually performed." Samuel Ruscoe and Edward Burroughs were the witnesses.

John Skidmore recovered from the pox however, and was active again for a time in the affairs of the time. In a case tried at Hempstead on 21 February 1678/9 between William Hill and Samuel Allen in an action for debt the case was deferred by the defendant's request "till John Scidmore returns from New England again."

He had died just previous to 7 July 1680 when an inventory was taken of his estate by Robert Ashman and Thomas Oakley (who had married Sarah Whitehead). Including his real property it totaled £127 14sh 0d; it included such diverse items as his smith's tools, porringers, candle sticks, trenchers, a saltcellar, a gun and sword, a green apron, and the usual beds, cupboards and livestock. There was also a looking glass, something of a rarity in the day. His house and land "at home" was appraised at £60, his land and meadow at Haytrees [Hatteras Island] was valued at £20 , and a 10 acre lot and other lands were worth some £20.

To the overseers nominated in the will a third was added before 8 December 1680 (when the appraisal was exhibited to the Surrogate's Court) perhaps by the action of the Court of Sessions for Queens County whose minutes are lost. This was John Hinds, a stepbrother of Susanna Skidmore. On 23 April 1681 Smith, Whitehead, and Hinds gave a deed to

Benjamin Coe selling John Skidmore's house, orchard and fences in Jamaica, but reserving the "old house" and whole piece of land that George Cleer had fenced in for his cowhouse and yard and where he [Cleer] now lived during his lifetime. At the death of George Cleer it was to revert to Coe. The overseers gave several other deeds for land in the town and on Hatteras Island to pay for the bringing up of his the children.

His children seem to have been divided among several kinsman. John appears to have lived with Daniel Whitehead for a time and then with his grandfather in Fairfield, Connecticut. After the death of his grandfather he also lived at Huntington, Long Island, with his brothers who presumably made their home with their uncle Thomas at that place. Abigail, the only daughter, may have gone to Brookhaven to live with her Davis kin there for she married Francis Muncy of that town.

Children:

7. i. John, the eldest, born about 1663.
8. ii. Thomas
9. iii. Samuel
10. iv. Joseph, the youngest son.
v. Abigail, married (by 1707) Francis Muncy. They were living at Smithtown, Suffolk County, Long Island, in 1717 but went later to Kent County, Delaware, where her two brothers had settled much earlier. He died there in 1738 the proprietor of the plantation called "Muncy's Mount"; she was living his widow as late as 27 June 1744 in Kent County, Delaware.

THIRD GENERATION

5. THOMAS[3] SCIDMORE, was born about 1650 perhaps at Hempstead, Queens County, Long Island, the son of Thomas (no. 2) and Grace (_____) Scidmore. He was living as late as 26 July 1717 at Huntington, Suffolk County, Long Island. He married Sarah, a daughter of John Cooke of Gravesend, Kings County, Long Island, and previously the widow of Nathan Whitman of Staten Island; she was baptized 16 September 1640 at Salem, Essex County, Massachusetts.

His first appearance in the Huntington records was in the tax list of 1675 where he is listed but had no rateable estate. His marriage probably took place in 1681; Nathan Whitman, a tailor, had drowned off Staten Island on or about 28 August 1679 survived by his widow and six children. The Whitmans had removed to Staten Island from Gravesend about 1668 and Sarah remained there for a time after her husband's decease. She was a successful plaintiff there (as Sarah Whitman) in a suit against William Brittain on 3 October 1680. Soon after this date she married a Scidmore, no doubt this Thomas of Huntington, Long Island. On 4 April 1685 two tracts of land previously occupied by Whitman were laid out for her as Sarah Scidmore. Neither she nor any of her heirs ever conveyed these tracts, however, and both were sold for taxes in 1815.

It may be that Nathan Whitman of Staten Island was a brother of Joseph Whitman of Huntington (who had a son Nathan) and if this is so then the wives of Thomas and his brother John Scidmore were also aunt and niece as well as sisters-in-law.

Sometime previous to 1683 his father had given him a farm at Fresh Pond Neck in Huntington by a deed of gift which was never recorded. On 11 January 1682/3 as "Thomas Skidmore, Junior, husbandman of Fresh Pond" he sold this house and home lot together with 17 1/2 acres adjoining to Jonathan Lewis (the husband of Jemina Whitehead). The day following his father, "Thomas Skidmor Senr.," added his confirmation and consent to the sale. Mention has been made elsewhere of the difficulty in sorting out the three contemporary Thomas Scidmores at Huntington. It is quite easy to identify Thomas 3rd for he never signed or witnessed anything except with his mark. Huntington had laid a tax on the townsmen as early as 1660 for the building of a schoolhouse, but if it was built the young Thomas Scidmore does not seem to have benefited from it. Both his father and grandfather always used a proper signature (excepting only the will of the elder when he was old and very feeble).

He seems to have used the proceeds from the sale to Lewis to buy three tracts at Crabmeadow for £62 from Thomas Brush on 2 April 1683. This deed is the last on record where he is called "Junior"; presumably his father died soon after and he was then the only remaining man of his name in Huntington. On the same day he had a town meeting grant of a part of a swamp in Crabmeadow Hollow adjoining his new purchases.

On 15 December 1702 he petitioned for and was granted the administration on the estate of Simon Ingersoll who had died in Huntington on 8 January 1702. He was a son of Jane (Ireland) Whitehead Ingersoll and a brother of Jemina Lewis.

On 24 June 1715 he signed (with his usual mark) an agreement as one of "the principal members of the east part [of Huntington]" to build the new meeting house on East Hill where, rebuilt, it stands to this day. This agreement ended a controversy of four years standing between the residents of the east and west sides of the town. His last appearance in the Huntington records occurs on 26 June 1717 when he executed three deeds selling what may have been the major part of his holdings in the town. Thomas Gildersleeve of Huntington had ten acres of meadow lying between the house of Thomas Skidmore and the house of Jonas Smith at Crabmeadow Neck and another tract of 28 acres. Jonas Smith, his neighbor, had three separate pieces of eight, 14, and 22 acres at Crabmeadow, and Thomas Bunce, Jr., had a salt marsh of one acre at the same place. All three deeds were acknowledged before Epenetus Platt on 26 July 1717; Samuel Smith was the witness. His house and the land on which it stood at Crabmeadow Neck would seem to be excepted from these deeds.

An exceedingly curious indenture still survives in private hands relating to the estate of this Thomas Scidmore. On 31 December 1772 his nephew Joseph Scidmore of Huntington sold to his eldest son, Samuel Scidmore, of the same place for 5sh the one half part of his [Joseph's] interest in the estate of Thomas Scidmore lying in "the lower counties or Southern part of Pennsylvania." After the American Revolution the lower counties became the state of Delaware. The conveyance describes Joseph Scidmore's claim so: "whereas there was formerly one John Scidmore who settled within the township of Huntington who had several brothers all younger than himself [this is a misapprehension], and that one of them by the name of Thomas Scidmore went into the Southern Provinces and after a series of time died there and leaves no lawful issue as is reported; therefore according to the law of England, if the descent be not impeded or obstructed by some devise or conveyance, the estate of the said Thomas ought to descend to his eldest brother, John Scidmore, deceased, or to Joseph Scidmore, the grantor."

John Scidmore was an honorable man from all reports, and he probably did not know that he was conveying an interest in an estate in which he had no right. It is still another example of the confusion between the numerous Thomas Skidmores of Long Island. Joseph Scidmore had doubtless heard of the death, without issue, of his father's **cousin** in Kent County, Delaware. This Thomas (no. 8) also left a valid will disposing of his estate. However Joseph Scidmore was an adult by 1712 and must have known his uncle well at the time. We may speculate that perhaps the uncle did remove from Huntington after his last deeds in 1717. Certainly nothing can be learned of his daughters there which lends some

support to the statement and belief that Thomas, his uncle, died without lawful issue.

Children: (All perhaps died young.)

i. Susanna, born 2 October 1682.
ii. Ellen, born 6 February 1683/4.
iii. Elizabeth, born 10 March 1686/7.

6. JOHN[3] SKIDMORE, was born about 1660 at Huntington, Long Island, the son of Thomas (no. 2) and Grace (_____) Scidmore, and died there before 17 February 1737. He married Sarah, a daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Ketcham) Whitman of the same town.

He is first noted on a rate list taken for Huntington in December of 1683 when as John Scidmore, Senior, he was taxed on £30 of property most of which had been recently inherited from his father. His cousin John Scidmore, Junior (son of John Skidmore, deceased, of Jamaica), was then living in the town and taxed on a valuation of £26. His cousin left soon after for Stratford, Connecticut, but until this happened this John was called Senior in the records. John Scidmore owned land at both Crabmeadow and on Fresh Pond Neck before 1686 but no deeds are on record either in the town clerk's office or in the Suffolk County deed books conveying this to him. Probably he acquired them at a division of his father's lands made in 1683 also not on record.

His wife was a great-great-aunt of Huntington's most famous resident, the poet Walt Whitman. She was born at Commack, Long Island, after 1660. After their marriage the young couple lived at Fresh Pond Neck on Long Island Sound; their home there passed to their son Thomas who conveyed it in 1743 to his brother Joseph Scidmore.

On 10 January 1694 he and Richard Gildersleeve (as partners) bought 150 acres of land on the Nissequoque River from Edward Ketcham of Oyster Bay for £40, together with an additional 7 1/2 acres at Sunken Meadow. In the same year Governor Benjamin Fletcher granted a new patent to the town of Huntington for £50. An assessment was placed on each of the townsmen to pay for the patent in accordance with their holdings and ability to pay, and it would seem that by this time he was one of the most affluent men in the town.

John Scidmore and his brother-in-law John Whitman purchased an immense tract of land on 1 November 1698 from seven Indians of Winnecommack (now Commack, Long Island). A later survey shows that there were 3625 acres in the parcel. The partners engaged Charles Congreve of London to negotiate a formal patent for the land from Viscount Cornbury, then governor of New York. On 5 May 1703 Cornbury issued the patent in the name of Queen Anne and the partners deeded Congreve one quarter of the tract for his troubles. The partners took in three others (probably to help bear

the cost of the patent) and John Scidmore's share was reduced to a sixth of the undivided whole. This he later sold to William Johnson and Josiah Higby.

He purchased still another tract on 6 May 1713 at Bread and Cheese Hollow in Smithtown (on the Huntington line) from Richard and Jonathan Smith for £215. His son John was living on the tract in 1725 and it passed to him in a formal division of his father's lands in 1738.

John Scidmore was still living on 10 November 1736 when he is mentioned in a survey taken of a tract adjoining his Bread and Cheese property. On 17 February 1736/7 his will was proved at the Surrogate's Court in New York City; it was dated 10 January 1728 (some nine years before his death). His will provides generously for his wife Sarah who was to have a slave called Cate and her infant son Charles, an annuity of £20 to be had from investing £250 at 8% interest, the use of his dwelling and the orchard, as well as all of the household furnishings and goods she thought fit to keep. It is not known if she survived her husband or not.

His eldest son Joseph Scidmore together with "my well beloved friends and brethren Joseph Whitman and John Whitman, Sr., of Huntington" were appointed executors. His three sons were to divide his lands, but if they could not agree to a fair division then the executors were to make one. The widow was not to be disturbed in the house or orchard during her life; at her death it was to revert to his three sons. The sons were also to divide 118 sheep which had been leased to Daniel Bates of Smithtown. His two daughters were to divide the movable estate and to inherit the £250 set aside for their mother's annuity on her death. Abigail Scidmore Smith had married twice more before her father's death in 1737. The given name of her Smith husband is unknown, but by him she had a son Zophar Smith of Huntington. (Zophar Smith died in 1759; his will names his brother John Bayley as one of his executors.)

An inventory of the estate was taken on 24 February 1737, one week after his will was recorded. When the Surrogate's office was moved many years ago to its present quarters on Chambers Street in Manhattan the early inventories were discarded as trash. Fortunately a part of these were recovered (John Scidmore's among them) and deposited at the New York Historical Society. It totaled (without real property) £470. Included are a negro man and woman (£68 for the pair), 56 cattle, Dutch plows, books, flax, wearing apparel, as well as an itemized list of the contents of the "North Room" and the "South Room" in his home. Also included were bonds to the value of £192.

Temperance Scidmore was unmarried at the time of her father's will. She can probably be identified safely with the Marcy [Mercy] Scidmore who married William Gurwin [Corwin] on 17 July 1729 according to an informal register of marriages kept by William Salmon (1684-1759) of Southold, Long Island.

Children:

11. i. Joseph
12. ii. John
13. iii. Thomas
iv. Abigail, married (1) _____ Smith, (2) John Bailey on 9 December 1729; he died six weeks later, and (3) Captain Isaac Platt (1699-1763), a widower, on 15 August 1736.
v. Temperance, married William Corwin on 17 July 1729.

7. JOHN[3] SKIDMORE (or SCUDAMORE) was born at Jamaica, Queens County, Long Island, about 1663, and died at Trumbull (then Stratford), Fairfield County, Connecticut, and was buried in the churchyard at Christ Church, Stratford, on 22 January 1741 aged 78. He married Mary, daughter of Peter and Mary (?Andrews) Norton of Fairfield; she was buried at Christ Church on 28 November 1748 aged 83.

His trial for the accidental killing of Thomas Barker has been noted elsewhere. After his father's death in 1680 he went to live at Huntington with his grandfather or uncle there. On 20 January 1681/2 he appears as a witness to a lease given by his grandfather Skidmore to Joseph Whitman of Huntington. On 1 November (a day or so after the death of Thomas Skidmore at Fairfield) he acquired six acres of meadow at Crabmeadow in Huntington from Andrew Gibb of Brookhaven. This had previously belonged to his grandfather who had mortgaged it to John Jones.

As John Scidmore he gave a receipt to Mr. [Daniel] Whitehead (one of the overseers of his father's will) on 9 March 1685/6 being then of Fresh Pond in Huntington and of age for his interest in his father's estate; the witnesses were John Pruden, John Cleer, and Andrew Gibb, clerk, of Jamaica. On 17 May 1686 he purchased from his cousin Grace Skidmore and her husband John Goulding 18 acres of upland in the northeast part of Crabmeadow for £48. This tract was bounded on the south by the land of Thomas Scudamore and on the west by the Burying Hill. As John Scidmore "Junior" he acquired other lands in Huntington by purchase and town meeting grants in 1687, 1688, and 1689.

His wife was a stepdaughter of his uncle Hugh Griffin; she was probably still unmarried on 9 September 1690 when Hugh Griffin's will mentions his wife's daughter Mary Norton. The young couple settled at Long Hill in Stratford (now Trumbull), Connecticut. He had deeds for land there in 1694 and 1695.

The laws of Connecticut provided for strict uniformity of worship and the Congregational ministers were inclined to enforce it. However as early as 1702 the adherents of the Church of England made an effort to establish a church at Stratford. John Skidmore was a signer of a letter

from sundry inhabitants of Stratford on 1 June 1706 asking that George Muirson be given leave to officiate among them as their clergyman. On 1 April 1707 John Skidmore (and 18 others) signed a letter to the Bishop of London begging his interest in their infant church at Stratford. This letter was received in London in September and Christ Church, Stratford, the first Anglican church in Connecticut, was probably formally established in the same year. The records of the church do not begin until 1722; in that year John Scudamore and his wife are found among the first surviving list of communicants and pew-holders. He and Thomas Lattin, his son-in-law, were vestrymen in 1725 (and for many years thereafter). John Scudamore and his wife were buried in the old Episcopal burying ground at the foot of Academy Hill in Stratford. The church has since moved from the site and the cemetery was neglected for many years. Most of the early gravestones including those of the Scudamores have now disappeared.

According to a letter from Timothy Titherton to George Muirson dated 6 February 1706/7 the five children of John Skidmore (named as Abigail, Ellen, John, Mary and Thomas) were among those christened at Stratford on 2 September 1706. Emily C. Hawley states that a Jemina Scudamore "of Stratford" was a communicant of Christ Church on 13 June 1736. Her reading of this record has not been verified but if it is correct Jemina must have been nearly related to John Scudamore.

Children:

14. i. John.
15. ii. Lieutenant Thomas.
iii. Mary, born about 1697. She married Thomas Lattin (1693-1776) on 19 April 1722 at Stratford. They moved to Huntington, Suffolk County, Long Island, where she died 18 June 1773 aged 76.
iv. Ellen, born about 1700. She married Enos Bradley on 21 December 1721 at New Haven, New Haven County, Connecticut.
v. Abigail, married Benjamin Wilmot (1703-1768) on 19 December 1733 at New Haven (when she is called "of Stratford"). They lived at Waterbury, New Haven County, Connecticut, where she died 30 December 1771.

8. THOMAS[3] SKIDMORE was born about 1665 at Jamaica, Queens County, Long Island, the son of John (no. 4) and Susanna (Davis) Skidmore, and died in Murderkill Hundred, Kent County, Delaware, before 14 February 1744/5. He married Mary Hunt by a New York license dated 20 August 1684; she was a daughter of Ralph Hunt then of Jamaica but later of Maidenhead (now Lawrenceville), Mercer County, New Jersey.

Thomas Skidmore had settled in Kent County, Delaware, by 4 June 1692 when he had a tract of 100 acres by purchase from Stephen Simons north of Murder Creek in Murderkill Hundred which he styled "Skidmore's

Folly." His brother Samuel Skidmore had joined him there by 10 November 1693; on that day they were witnesses to the will of Thomas Miller of Kent County. Miller's daughter Rebecca subsequently married their youngest brother Joseph Skidmore.

There was another Thomas Skidmore, completely unrelated, in Kent County at this time. He was born about 1654 at Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire, and also had a second wife Mary who was given the administration on his estate on 6 January 1695/6. This Thomas left an only son Abraham by an earlier wife Rose, a Quaker; Abraham was born in July 1685 and was living in Kent County as late as 13 August 1712 when he sold the last of his father's plantation called "Rickmansworth" and then disappears from view. Thomas also had a brother Henry Skidmore who lived close by in Sussex County, Delaware; he had posterity who went largely to Yadkin County, North Carolina, and from there to Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, Texas, and elsewhere. [The history of this family on both sides of the Atlantic has been published in Skidmore; Rickmansworth, England; Delaware; North Carolina and west, 1555-1983 (1983) by the present author and William F. Skidmore of Knoxville, Tennessee.] During the brief time from 1692 to 1695 when there were two Thomas Skidmores in Kent County it takes considerable care to distinguish between them. Thomas Skidmore from Jamaica sold Skidmore's Folly on 6 June 1696 to Stephen Paradees for a small profit. Since the Thomas from Rickmansworth was dead by this date we can place the arrival in Delaware of the Long Island man at 1692 or before.

Thomas Skidmore was active in local politics. He was named foreman of a grand jury impaneled in June of 1699 and later in the same year was named Overseer of the Highways for the upper part of Murderkill Hundred. He was also a Viewer of Fences for many years. On 10 July 1710 his service in these minor offices was rewarded with and appointment to the bench of Kent County. He was a Justice of the Peace for many years sitting on the bench regularly with the local court.

He acquired by purchase and land grant several fine tracts in Murderkill Hundred. One of these, "Fisher's Delight," he sold in 1702 to his brother Joseph Skidmore for £14. He had paid £25 for the tract only two years earlier, and this is one of several examples which show that he was a generous man. His reputation is also assured by the number of administrations granted to him. On 4 February 1702 he was named administrator of Samuel Mathews who had died a bachelor in the county. His heirs were his two sisters, Susanna, the wife of Thomas Smith of Maidenhead, New Jersey, and Mary, wife of Thomas Smith of Jamaica, Long Island. It is likely that his wife Mary Skidmore was related to the Smiths for the will of Thomas Smith dated 8 October 1702 mentions his father-in-law [stepfather] Ralph Hunt. Another kinsman from Long Island may have been the Isaiah Whitehead, a carpenter, whose administration was given to Thomas Skidmore in Kent County on 25 August 1725.

His nephew Thomas Skidmore had moved to Kent County and on 1 March 1725

he conveyed to him 100 acres on the south side of the Dover River. The only consideration was "the natural affection which the said Thomas Skidmore the elder beareth to his well beloved nephew Thomas Skidmore the younger, son of the said Samuel Skidmore of Long Island." His sister Abigail and her husband Francis Muncy had also moved to Delaware from Smithtown, Long Island, by this date where he acquired a plantation of 220 acres called "Muncy's Mount."

Thomas Skidmore was a Presbyterian like his father. On 14 February 1726 Daniel Rutty conveyed two acres of land in Murderkill Hundred "the same where the Presbyterian or Dissenting Meeting-house now stands" to trustees Thomas Skidmore and Robert Cummings. The deed further notes that it was "for the use and in trust only of and to the dissenting minister or ministers of those people called Presbyterian in Kent County."

On the levy list of 1726 (the first surviving for Kent County) he was assessed on £50 and his nephew Thomas Skidmore "Junr." was taxed on £25. In the list for 1727 the two Thomas Skidmores "both of them" are assessed together.

On 4 October 1727 he became Sheriff of Kent County, the highest office in local government, succeeding William Rodney. He served until the following October 3rd.

He was sick and weak of body on 10 February 1729 when a will was drawn for him. His nephew Thomas Skidmore "son of my brother Samuel Skidmore of Long Island" was the sole heir after his wife's third part was deducted. A codicil in his own hand gives her a horse, bridle and saddle as well as £13 of current money in addition to her portion. He recovered from his illness, however, and this will was never probated.

He was Collector of the levy in Murderkill Hundred in 1733 and the accounts are entirely in his own hand. Under "Debts due from the sd County to sundry persons for that year also the publick charges" we find that he was owed 1sh 6d for six crow heads.

Thomas Skidmore lived until 1745 when he died at the age of about 80. His last will is dated 27 June 1744 and was probated 14 February 1744/5. It directs that John Newell shall have the bringing up of "my little girls" Sarah and Margaret Cunningham, who were to have a year's schooling and £6 each at the age of 16 or at their marriage day. They were the daughters of Mary Baxter who is noted as a ward of Thomas Skidmore in the Quarter Sessions of May 1723. She married Andrew Cunningham and neither she nor her husband appear to have been related to the Skidmores.

He devised the plantation where his nephew Nathaniel Muncy lived to him with all its appurtenances. He left £5 to his sister Abigail, now a widow, who must have also been getting on for 80. His great-nephew Thomas Skidmore was to have the plantation where the testator lived, and

his other great-nephews John, Samuel, and William Skidmore, were to have £10 each. His nephew Thomas Skidmore was to be the executor and the residual heir.

9. SAMUEL[3] SKIDMORE was born perhaps about the year 1668 at Jamaica, Queens County, Long Island, the son of John (no. 4) and Susanna (Davis) Skidmore; he died at the same place before 9 April 1733. He married (1) Susanna, the daughter of Thomas and Mary (?Cleer) Welling of Jamaica; she was living 27 May 1720 and was presumably the mother of all his children, and (2) Hannah _____ who was (perhaps) the widow of John Gray who died in 1724 at Jamaica, and if this is so then the daughter of Samuel Deane, Sr., of Jamaica.

Samuel Skidmore served in King William's War; he was stationed at Albany on 17 June 1692 in the company detached out of several counties commanded by Major Peter Schuyler where he is identified as being from Queens County. On 10 November 1693 he was in Kent County, Delaware, where he was a witness to the will of Thomas Miller. He returned to Jamaica, Long Island, soon after, for he was witness to a will there on 5 June 1694. The rest of his life was spent at Jamaica. He was a Townsman (Selectman) in 1707, a vestryman in the Presbyterian Church in 1709, and a Collector in 1713 (and thereafter). He was in Captain John Carpenter's company of militia in 1715.

On 27 May 1720 John Cleer (Clare) made a will at Jamaica remembering the children of his sister Elizabeth Cleer by Richard Everett and the children of Thomas Welling (including Susanna Skidmore). It seems likely, but it is left unstated, that the wife of Thomas Welling was another sister of Cleer. The Cleers had occupied the boyhood home of Samuel Skidmore in Jamaica for a time after the death of John Skidmore.

Samuel Skidmore was a miller at Jamaica though he is styled a "yeoman" in his will dated 23 September 1732 when he was sick and weak of body. He left to his wife Hannah "so much as to make up a former covenant made betwixt us to the sum of £50" as well as four cows, one brown mare, a side saddle, and a bed and its furniture. She was also to have one quarter of his corn in the barn and one quarter in the ground, his grist mill, and £5 to repair it. His will also mentions (but does not name) the children of her former husband. His mill was left outright to the widow, but it passed after her death to his son John Skidmore who operated the business at Quarrelsome Neck until shortly before his death in the year 1782. His mill stood somewhere within the area now covered by the John F. Kennedy Airport.

To his 12 children he left varying sums of money; these included three married daughters Susanna Hendikson, Patience Oakley and Phebe Denton. Four other children are noted as being underage: Elizabeth, Abigail, Hannah, and Jeremiah. His sons John, Samuel, and Joseph Skidmore were to have his lands and meadows to be divided equally; Andrew Skidmore was

to have £50 but no share in the land, and Thomas Skidmore (who had removed to Delaware) was remembered with only £3. The residue was to be divided among John, Samuel, Joseph, and Andrew Skidmore and the eldest two were to serve as executors. The will was proved at New York on 9 April 1733 and Abraham Montayne, William Gritman, and Richard Everett had been the witnesses.

In addition to his sons-in-law mentioned below one of the daughters of Samuel Skidmore may have married Abraham Montayne; he was living below Foster's Meadow as late as 9 April 1746. He had an only son, John Montayne, who married Mercy Hendrikson and left a will dated 16 November 1775 leaving a legacy of £5 to Jane (Skidmore) Smith (the widow of Benjamin Smith) whom he calls "my cousin." Her brother, John Skidmore, Jr., was named an executor and Whitehead Skidmore was a witness to Montayne's will. Abraham Montayne seems to have died without the benefit of probate and the given name of his wife has yet to be found.

Another daughter of Samuel Skidmore may have married into the Mills family of Jamaica. The inconclusive evidence in support of this supposition will be noticed elsewhere.

Children:

16. i. John
ii. Susanna, born about 1704. She married (by 1724) Hendrik Hendrikson of Hempstead, Long Island. He died, a widower, in 1753.
17. iii. Thomas
iv. Patience, married (1) Thomas Oakley of Huntington, Suffolk County, Long Island, by 1732; he died in 1760, and (2) John Cornell of Huntington on 6 June 1766; he died in 1773.
v. Phebe, married Thomas Denton (1685-____) by 1732.
18. vi. Samuel, born about 1709.
19. vii. Andrew, born about 1710.
20. viii. Joseph, born about 1712.
21. ix. Jeremiah
x. Abigail
xi. Hannah
xii. Elizabeth, married Peter Van Nostrand of Jamaica; he died in 1746.

10. JOSEPH[3] SKIDMORE, was born about 1674 at Jamaica, Queens County, Long Island, and died in Murderkill Hundred, Kent County, Delaware, before 12 May 1708. He was a son of John (no. 4) and Susanna (Davis) Skidmore. He married Rebecca, a daughter of Thomas and Sarah (_____) Miller of Kent County.

On 10 July 1702 he purchased for "£14 silver money of the province of Pennsylvania" a 92 acre tract called "Fisher's Delight" from his brother

Thomas Skidmore. It was located on the southwest side of the Dover River on a small branch of Mill Creek, and was south of the present site of Barker's Landing in Murderkill Hundred. He married about this year; his brothers Thomas and Samuel Skidmore had been witnesses to the will of his future wife's father in 1693.

Joseph Skidmore is mentioned only once in the minute books of Kent County. At an Orphan's Court on 11 August 1704 it was recorded "upon the motion of Joseph Skidmore the Court orders John Byles and Saray his wife to be summoned at the next Orphan's Court to be held to answer the complaint of the said Joseph." No further mention is made of the case.

He was still a young man at the time of his death in 1708. His will was written on April 6th and proved on May 12th. His wife Rebecca was made the sole executor and she was to have all of his personal estate. His daughter Susanna was to have a yearling colt and his son Joseph was to have "the ninety and two acres of land that I now dwell on." If Joseph died young or without issue then this land was to revert to the testator's brother Thomas Skidmore. The witnesses were Thomas Bedwell, John Newell, and Roger Burgess.

On 11 August 1708 the widow appeared at court to acknowledge and deliver a deed for 100 acres to Esther Burgess and her heirs. Despite this acknowledgment the deed was never recorded, but it was probably for her interest in her father's plantation in Kent County. According to the terms of Thomas Miller's will it was to revert to his daughters Rebecca, Sarah and Esther Miller if their brother Thomas, Jr., was to die without issue. Esther Burgess was doubtless the wife of Roger Burgess who appears as a witness to the will of Joseph Skidmore.

It is likely that Rebecca married as her second husband an Edward Williams of Kent County. He appears to have paid the levy on the 92 acres belonging to young Joseph Skidmore during his minority, and he was also a witness to the will of William Cramer (who married Susanna Skidmore) on 20 December 1726.

Children:

i. Susanna, married (1) William Cramer; he died in 1726, and (2) Thomas Downham. She was living as late as 1 January 1747/8 in Kent County, Delaware.

22. ii. Joseph

11. JOSEPH[4] SKIDMORE, the son of John (no. 6) and Sarah (Whitman) Skidmore, was born about 1685 at Huntington, Suffolk County, Long Island, and died there shortly before 16 November 1773. He married (1) Elizabeth Tooker [probably a daughter of Joseph and Mary (?Ogden) Tooker], she "eloped" from him and died at New London, New London County, Connecticut, on 6 July 1734, and (2) Hannah _____ by 1738; she was living as late as 26 February 1788 at Huntington, Long Island.

His earmarks were recorded at Huntington on 19 March 1711/2. In 1715 he was in the company of Captain Thomas Higby at Huntington. He was one of the executors of his father and on 3 January 1737/8 he and his wife Hannah deeded a number of tracts to his brothers Thomas and John to settle the estate as his father's will directed. John Tooker and Richard Woodhull, Jr., are the witnesses to these deeds.

His wife Elizabeth was a member of the First Church at Huntington in 1726. Sometime after this date she deserted her husband and went to New London, Connecticut. Joshua Hempstead (1678-1758) of New London gives the gossip about her in his diary on Sunday, 7 July 1734: "Joseph [widow] Skidmore died yesterday in childbed with her 3rd Child by Ralph Fergo. She was the wife of one Skidmore of Naharagansett & had Eloped from him & Ralph Fergo having no wife took her in." Hempstead's facts are basically correct, but Elizabeth was not a widow and her Skidmore husband did not live in Rhode Island. Elizabeth (Tooker) Scidmore was the mother of an older son Benjamin who was baptized 25 June 1732 at Groton in New London County, Connecticut. The name of Benjamin Scidmore's father is left unstated and he is identified only as "son of Elizabeth Skidmore" in the town records. Nothing more is known of him. Ralph Scidmore, probably the child born 6 July 1734, seems to have been brought up on Long Island, perhaps by the Tooker family. He will be noticed subsequently with his half-brothers on Long Island; having no great future there he migrated to Hampshire County, (West) Virginia, and probably died while serving in the Revolutionary Army.

Joseph Tooker, Sr., settled late in life at Elizabeth, Essex County, New Jersey, where he left a will dated 31 December 1753. It provides for the children (unfortunately not named) of his deceased daughter Elizabeth.

Joseph Scidmore was a large land owner at Huntington and Babylon, Long Island. On 3 May 1740 he and 11 other proprietors signed an agreement to divide Sumpwam's Neck in Babylon once again; an earlier division had been lost. On 2 May 1749 he paid a shilling for the privilege of mowing Huntington's thatch at Page's Cove, and on 1 May 1750 he was appointed to receive stray sheep found on the eastern farms. At some unknown date in this period he probably deeded a portion of his lands to his son Peter Scidmore although the conveyance is not on record.

Joseph Scidmore subscribed £10 towards the building of St. John's Episcopal Church at Huntington in September 1747, and later gave another £2 for the windows of the of the church.

On 17 December 1763 "sick and weak in body" he signed a will which was duly recorded in the town books. He recovered, however, and the will was never probated. It mentioned his four daughters and two granddaughters (children of his son Joseph, deceased). To his son Isaac he left "my old house and homestead where I formerly lived" and to his son Samuel "the house and homestead... lying to the Sound where I now live" with other lands, described. His son Peter had moved by this date to Brookhaven and probably had his portion already for he is not mentioned in the will.

On 31 December 1771 he was taxed on £1,326 6sh 0d at Huntington, a respectable fortune for the day and place.

His final will is dated 29 March 1772. The provisions are much the same as his earlier will. His wife Hannah was to have the house and land where they lived and after her death it was to go to his son Samuel. Several other tracts and "the old homestead" as well as his negroes Tom and Ned were to go to his son Isaac. Samuel and Isaac were to divide the land not otherwise devised except for the Sumpwams tract which had been given to his son Peter Scidmore. His granddaughters Sarah and Elizabeth were to have £5 each. To his wife he left a bed, clothing, and a third of the movable estate. His daughters Rebecca, Temperence, Elizabeth and Esther were to divide the rest of the movables, and his sons Samuel and Isaac were to serve as executors. He was "in health" when the will was signed and it was not probated until 16 December 1773.

Hannah Scidmore, his widow, "laboring under great infirmities" left a brief will dated 26 February 1788. She devised her entire estate to her son Isaac who was also named her executor. It was recorded on 11 October 1791.

Children: (First wife)

i. Elizabeth, married Joseph Saxton of Islip, Suffolk County, Long Island, on 5 February 1742.

ii. Rebecca, married Joseph Brush (1691-1756), a widower, on 26 June 1746. He was a cordwainer at Huntington.

23. iii. Samuel, born about 1722.

iv. Esther, born about 1726. She married Israel Ketcham (1724-1818), a Quaker, on 23 March 1752. She died at Huntington on 6 April 1816 "aged 90."

24. v. Joseph

25. vi. Peter, born about 1726.

vii. Temperence, living 1772.

(Second wife)

26. viii. Isaac, born about 1735.
ix. Hannah, married Josiah Wickes, Jr., (1735-?1799) of Commack, Suffolk County, Long Island, on 16 December 1762. She had died before 10 February 1766/7 when he married Mary Conklin as his second wife.

12. JOHN[4] SKIDMORE, was born about 1690 at Huntington, Suffolk County, Long Island, the son of John (no. 6) and Sarah (Whitman) Scidmore. He died at Schenectady, Schenectady County, New York, while serving in the French and Indian War soon after 24 June 1758. He married Susanna Smith; she was living at Smithtown, Suffolk County, Long Island, a widow, as late as 11 December 1771.

He settled as early as 1725 at Smithtown, on 200 acres of land at Bread and Cheese Hollow belonging to his father. His brother-in-law, John Bayley, a carpenter at Huntington, died on 19 January 1729/30; his administration was granted on 17 December 1730 to his widow Abigail and her brother John Skidmore, yeoman.

On 3 January 1737/8 his brother Joseph Scidmore deeded the Bread and Cheese Hollow tract to him as well as other land at Crabmeadow and at Sumpwam's Neck as his share of his father's estate. On 30 October 1740 he sold to Joshua Arthur of Smithtown about 20 acres at Fresh Pond adjoining Thomas Scidmore for £95; Arthur was probably his son-in-law. He purchased two tracts from his brother Thomas on 30 April 1743. The first of these was the former home of their father, and the second was a plot of six acres (with another tract or tracts adjoining) which their father had purchased from Jonathan Lewis on 15 May 1707. It was located at Crabmeadow on the north side of the road leading to Eaton's Neck. The "old orchard" of two acres included in this purchase was bounded on the north by Burying Hill, and the six acre tract was also on Bailey's Creek. On 19 August 1746 Edward Bailey in a deed setting forth his boundaries states that David Scidmore was then in possession of the land. The deed conveying this tract to David Scidmore is not on record, but the land continued with his descendants for several generations.

On 4 April 1758 John Scidmore enlisted in the company commanded by Captain Alexander Smith to fight in the French and Indian War. This would seem considering his age to have been somewhat ill-advised, and John Scidmore died at Schenectady while "in the provincial service."

His will was dated 24 June 1758, just following his enlistment, and left all of his movable estate to his wife Susanna while she remained a widow; it was to go then to his daughters Abigail and Susanna. His sons John and Samuel were left only 10sh each (presumably they had had their share of his estate during his lifetime). His son Zophar Scidmore was the principal heir; he was left "all of my fast estate." There was no mention of David and Sarah, two children who had died before their

father. His brother Joseph Scidmore and Jesse Platt were named executors, and the witnesses were Isaac Platt (his brother-in-law), Zophar Smith and Isaac Platt, Jr. [two nephews both sons of Abigail (Scidmore) Smith-Bailey-Platt.]

On 11 December 1771 the widow Susanna and her two surviving sons petitioned the General Assembly of New York to set aside certain deeds made by John Scidmore before his death "while unsound in mind and for inadequate compensation." We hear no more of the matter and presumably the widow was not given any relief.

Children:

27. i. David
ii. Sarah, married Joshua Arthur of Smithtown on 14 October 1736. She had died before 10 January 1749/50 when he married Charity Hobart as his second wife. He died in 1774.
28. iii. John
29. iv. Samuel
v. Susanna, married Israel Hawkins (1731-1796) a widower of Brookhaven, Suffolk County, Long Island, on 28 June 1769. She died before 3 January 1778 when he married Phebe Bush as his third wife.
vi. Abigail, living unmarried at Brookhaven in 1775, married Joseph Davis of Brookhaven on 7 March 1775.
30. vii. Zophar

13. THOMAS[4] SKIDMORE was born about 1690 at Huntington, Suffolk County, Long Island, the son of John (no. 6) and Sarah (Whitman) Skidmore. He died presumably at the same place after 30 April 1743. A family record made by Richard Smith IV (1735-1812) says that Thomas Scidmore married Lorinda, a daughter of Daniel and Ruth (Tooker) Smith of the "Bull" Smiths of Smithtown, Long Island. The record mentions their children Daniel, John and Mary Scidmore.

On 30 January 1737/8 his brother Joseph conveyed five tracts to him as his share of his father's land. Among them was the property at "Fresh Pond Neck where the dwelling of our father John Scidmore now stands," land at Cow Harbor (now Northport, Long Island) "where the said Thomas formerly lived," a parcel of six acres with another tract adjoining "purchased by our father of Jonathan Lewis," land at Sumpwams Neck or Island, and a final tract in Smithtown which John Scidmore had bought from Richard Smith.

On 30 April 1743 Thomas Scidmore sold two of these parcels (the Fresh Pond Neck land and the Lewis tract) to his brother John for £200. His fathers's former home at Fresh Pond Neck consisted of a house and barn and 150 acres of land "on the north by the Sound" and it adjoined Thomas Gildersleeve, the land of Joshua Arthur (purchased from Philip Udall)

and John Brotherton. The six acres formerly owned by Jonathan Lewis was on Bailey's Creek, the adjoining tract seems never to have been surveyed. This deed was witnessed by Benejah Edwards and Zephaniah Platt, but it was not recorded until almost 30 years later. On 23 January 1722 Zephaniah Platt (1704-1778) appeared before William Smith and testified to the signature of Thomas Scidmore and the deed was recorded at Huntington on 8 June 1772. The date of the deed (30 April 1743) is the last mention found to him at Huntington. There was no probate on his estate.

Seven Scidmore children were baptized at one time on 5 June 1734 at the First Church, Huntington, by the Reverend Ebenezer Prime: Daniel, John, Thomas and Peter Scidmore are listed with the males, and Mary, Deborah, and Temperence Scidmore with the females. Two of these, Peter (then aged about 8) and Temperence, are doubtless the two youngest children of Joseph Scidmore by his first wife Elizabeth Tooker. The other five are doubtless all of the children of Thomas Scidmore. It should be noted that Lorinda (Smith) Scidmore had a sister Deborah and it seems likely that the young Deborah Skidmore was her namesake.

Children: (All baptized 5 June 1734 at Huntington, Long Island)

31. i. Thomas, born about 1714.
ii. Deborah, probably died young.
32. iii. Daniel
33. iv. John
v. Mary, married Obediah Smith on 13 October 1751.

14. JOHN[4] SKIDMORE was born perhaps as early as 1691 at Trumbull, Fairfield County, Connecticut, the son of John (no. 7) and Mary (Norton) Skidmore. He was buried at Christ Church, Stratford, on 10 March 1724/5.

Nothing else has been learned of this John Skidmore and it may be assumed that he died unmarried.

15. LIEUTENANT THOMAS[4] SKIDMORE, born at Trumbull, Fairfield County, Connecticut, about 1693, the son of John (no. 7) and Mary (Norton) Skidmore. He died at Newtown, Fairfield County, Connecticut, on 21 July 1761 aged 68. He married Martha, who was perhaps the daughter of Benjamin and Rebecca (Phippen) Sherman of Stratford; if this should be so then she was born on 20 December 1694 at Stratford. Martha Skidmore died 23 December 1774 aged 80 (which agrees perfectly with her presumptive birth date) and both she and her husband are buried in the Land's End Cemetery at Newtown.

Thomas Skidmore went to Newtown as a young man about the year 1712. On

18 November 1715 Thomas Skidmore and Richard Peet purchased from Richard Nicholls, the administrator of the estate of Thomas Sharp, "said Sharp's accomodation in the lands in the bounds of the township of the said Newtown." On 27 September 1716 William Peet of Stratford sold Skidmore his half interest in the land, and in 1717 Thomas Skidmore bought a house, barn and four acres from John Porter and in 1719 still other lands from Enos Prindle.

At a town meeting on 18 November 1718 Thomas Skidmore offered to build the new town meeting house for Newtown using all new materials for £45. The dimensions were to be 30 by 36 feet and it was to be sided with clapboard and roofed with short shingles. The town was to supply the clapboards, shingles and nails and do all the carting; Skidmore would supply the timbers. His offer was accepted and John Glover, Thomas Bennett and Joseph Peck were appointed to "concert all matters."

On 27 January 1720 it was agreed by the town that the meeting house should be lengthened from 30 to 50 feet and a committee consisting of Thomas Bennett, James Peck and Jeremiah Turner were to come to an agreement with Thomas Skidmore for framing and covering the addition. On 13 October 1724 John Northrop and Thomas Skidmore took an inventory of Turner's estate. Jeremiah Turner is likely to have been a brother-in-law of Skidmore; he had married Wilmet Sherman on 15 September 1714 at Newtown. She was born 21 January 1688, a daughter of Benjamin and Rebecca (Phippen) Sherman.

In order to encourage the settlement of Reverend John Beach in the town Thomas Skidmore pledged money sufficient to pay for four acres of land on 9 November 1724. There were 32 other subscribers and Beach came and remained in the town for the next eight years. Ensign Thomas Skidmore was one of a committee to seek a new minister when Beach resigned in 1732. Reverend Elisha Kent was engaged and on 1 August 1732 Skidmore and Peter Hubbell were empowered to convey to Kent the land which Reverend Beach had returned to the town on his departure. At the same town meeting he and six others were appointed to give security for the £100 which the town had voted to induce Reverend Kent to settle among them.

On 19 December 1734 Lieutenant Skidmore, Stephen Burwell and John Lake were named a committee to maintain the school at Newtown. In 1738 he was one of another committee to prosecute anyone who destroyed young timber in the town. No oak or walnut under 12" or chestnut under 18" at the "stub" was to be cut in the town. On 19 December 1739 Abiel, son of Benjamin Dunning, chose Thomas Skidmore of Newtown as his guardian.

At a town meeting on 27 March 1746 the Church of England people at Newtown were voted liberty to build a church in the town. By April 12th the foundation was in when it was discovered that an error of 19 feet had been made in placing it in relation to the Presbyterian Church. On the same day Thomas Skidmore, John Glover, Jr., and James Hard, as a

committee for Anglicans, submitted a written apology to the town.

In 1742, after the first call for electors from Newtown, Lieutenant Thomas Skidmore and 95 others took the Freeman's Oath in April. In 1748 the residents of the northwest end of the town petitioned for a burying ground and a cemetery of 60 rods was later laid out for them. It was called "Land's End" and Thomas Skidmore, his wife, and part of their children are buried there.

One of his last appearances on a committee in the town was in 1757. Lieutenant Thomas Skidmore, Captain John Glover, and Abel Gray were appointed to investigate the condition of the lands along the Great [Housatonic] River and if they thought it best, then to enter into an agreement to purchase the land from the Indians there.

Thomas Skidmore was a Selectman for Newtown in 1723, 1728, 1737, 1738, 1740, 1744, 1753 and 1755. He was appointed an Ensign in October 1723 by the General Assembly of the company or train band for Newtown, and promoted to Lieutenant in May 1734.

He deeded land to his sons about the time they came of age; there were deeds to Nehemiah in 1752, John in 1753, and Thomas, Jr., in 1755. His will is dated 24 February 1761. To his wife Martha, he left half his dwelling (this stood about 1/3 mile west of Town Street) namely the north rooms together with all the livestock, all the debts due him, and the residue of his entire estate. She was also to have his furniture and half of the barn. His son Thomas was to have the other half of the house and barn together with his mother's half at her decease. Thomas was also to have his father's cart, plows, team and tackling. The sons were to pay in turn legacies to their sisters "Dider" wife of Richard Hubbell, Comfort wife of Amos Turrell, and Martha, Mary, and Rebecca "besides what they have already been given by me." His eldest son Nehemiah and his son John were to have all his lands at the Neck in Newtown according to a division made earlier by Captain John Glover in 1756 but never executed. His son Thomas was to have other lands at Newtown, both home lots, and all other land that might accrue from his father's right as a proprietor in the town. His three sons were to serve as executors.

Children:

34. i. Nehemiah, born 22 February 1718.
ii. Jedidah, born 16 December 1721. She married Ensign Richard Hubbell (1714-1777) on 29 November 1749 and was living in 1763. They lived at Watertown, Harwinton, and Plymouth, Litchfield County, Connecticut.
iii. Martha, living in 1761.
35. iv. John, born 16 January 1725/6.
v. Comfort, married Lieutenant Amos Terrill (1726-1800) on 7 November 1951.

36. vi. Thomas, born 1731.
vii. Mary, born 1735. She married Heth Peck, Jr., (1731-1816) of Newtown on 27 March 1760. She died 6 October 1810 aged 75 and is buried in Land's End Cemetery.
viii. Rebecca, living in 1761.

16. JOHN[4] SKIDMORE, son of Samuel (no. 9) and Susanna (Welling) Skidmore, was born perhaps about the year 1700 at Jamaica, Queens County, Long Island, and died at Foster's Meadow, South Hempstead, Long Island, on or soon after 3 January 1782. He married (1) on 17 December 1731 at Loyal Neck, Mary, the daughter of Thomas and Jane (Creed) Whitehead. She died 4 October 1760 aged 51 years, 11 months, and 4 days. She was buried in the Springfield Cemetery; her tombstone is the oldest surviving there. She was the mother of all of his children. Emily C. Hawley in her Skidmore genealogy published in 1911 says that his second wife was a sister of the first but this is contradicted by the evidence. He married (2) Elizabeth, daughter of James and Jannetie (Van Nostrand) Burtis or Alburtis, who had been baptized on 5 August 1712 at Jamaica. She had married her first husband Richard Wiggins on 11 December 1731 at St. George's, Hempstead; he died in 1750 at Flushing and she subsequently married John Skidmore and was living in 1782.

The will of William Johnson of Jamaica dated 19 January 1749 leaves a small legacy to Mary Scidmore "wife of my neighbor John Scidmore." On 6 June 1766 John Skidmore, miller, and Samuel Skidmore, butcher of Kings County, were sureties to the marriage bond of John Cornell and Patience (Skidmore) Oakley, their sister. Cornell was a widower, his first wife was Abigail Whitehead who had died 20 April 1762 in her 57th year.

John Skidmore was a miller for most of his life at Quarrelsome Neck in the extreme southeastern corner of Jamaica Township, succeeding his father in the business there. He is called "merchant" in the bond given for the administration of his brother Jeremiah's estate in 1774.

He voted for a deputy to the Provincial Congress on 31 March 1775 and again on 7 November 1775 at Jamaica. However on 21 October 1776 (after the occupation of Long Island by British troops) he swore an oath of allegiance to George III. This may not have reflected his true sentiments, however, for two of his sons were then away fighting with the Revolutionary Army. All of the inhabitants were forced to swear allegiance to the king under penalty of banishment or worse. He is probably the John Skidmore who contributed £1 4sh 0d to the raising of Fanning's New Corps in 1777.

Life was completely disrupted during the occupation of Long Island despite the honest efforts of the British commanders to prevent it. The populace who remained were subjected to every variety of indignity and lawlessness, and there was in addition a great deal of ill feeling between those who sided with the British and those who simply tried to

remain neutral. Tories as well as Whigs suffered from the depredations of the soldiery and other unscrupulous persons. It is a measure of the times that both John Skidmore and his brother Samuel were murdered on Long Island by the criminal element during the Revolution. (Another brother, Jeremiah, had also been murdered in Virginia just previous to the war.) In the case of John Skidmore we have a full account of his death. On New Year's Eve, 1782, robbers knocked on the door of John Skidmore's house near Amerman's Mill at Foster Meadow on the road to Rockaway, gaining entrance by pretending that their carriage had broken down. John Nostrand, passing in a sleigh, saw a man at the door who he thought was John Place, a shoemaker. Place had seen some papers at Skidmore's the day before and is supposed to have thought that they were the deeds for Skidmore's mill at Quarrelsome Neck which he had recently sold. John Skidmore handed the robbers a purse saying it was all of the money he had; according to this account he is said to have already invested the money from the sale of his mill. Elsewhere we hear that he had hid the money under the "tow" of a setting hen over which a basket had been turned; three broods are said to have been hatched while the money was thus concealed.

Not satisfied with the money in the purse the robbers beat John Skidmore and his wife "so dreadfully on the heads with the butt ends of their pistols to extort further disclosures that both died of the wounds a few days later." (This cannot be true of Elizabeth Skidmore, for she was still living in June 1782). Phebe Skidmore, a granddaughter then aged 11, was in the house but she crawled under a bed and hid behind a candle box. The robbers hauled out the box but she was not noticed. John Skidmore also had a black servant Jack ("a stout fellow") who was in the house at the time. He is said to have mounted to the kitchen loft dragging the steps up after him. Once there he took down a scythe and "bid them do their best."

The robbers went off with the money, some clothing and all of John Skidmore's linen "so that none was left for a winding sheet which was soon needed." John Skidmore survived until at least 3 January 1782 when his will was signed. His wife was living on 24 June 1782 when Benajah Wiggins of Hempstead made his will and remembered "my honoured mother Elizabeth Skidmore" with a legacy of £20.

John Skidmore's will leaves his wife Elizabeth "all the household furniture she brought me," and £50 in money. All the rest of his estate was to be sold and various legacies paid to his children and his granddaughter Phebe Skidmore. The residue was to be divided among his children Jane Smith, Whitehead Skidmore, Phebe Van Nostrand, John Skidmore, Thomas Skidmore, Daniel Skidmore, and the children of his deceased son Samuel Skidmore. The executors were Evert Van Nostrand "my son-in-law" and Joseph Skidmore (1747-1812) "my cousin" and Benjamin Everett "my cousin." The witnesses were James Everett and Benjamin Everett, both of Hempstead, yeomen, and Abraham Hendrikson. It was not proved at New York City until 4 November 1782.

Children:

i. Jane, married Benjamin Smith. She died 7 May 1704 at Jamaica, Queens County, Long Island.
37. ii. Whitehead
iii. Phebe, married (1) William Everett (1736-1763) of Brooklyn, and (2) Evert Van Nostrand who died in 1804. She was living in 1805 at Manhasset, Queens County, Long Island.
38. iv. Major John
39. v. Daniel
40. vi. Samuel
41. vii. Thomas

17. HONORABLE THOMAS[4] SKIDMORE, son of Samuel (no. 9) and Susanna (Welling) Skidmore, was born at Jamaica, Queens County, Long Island, about 1702 and died at Dover, Kent County, Delaware, before 17 November 1746. He married (before 20 December 1726 when she was a witness to the will of of William Cramer) Elizabeth, a daughter of William and Ann (_____) Molleston of Kent County, Delaware. She married (2) Daniel Robinson about 1752 and died in Kent County before 26 April 1760.

Thomas Skidmore had settled by 1726 in Kent County, Delaware, where he had a plantation from his uncle Thomas on the Dover River. He is generally called "Junior" in the county records and his uncle "Senior." On 17 August 1731 he purchased from William Rodney a house and lot in the town of Dover which (with additions) is now the celebrated Ridgely House on the northeast side of The Green. At this time it is said to have contained but two rooms. The oldest part of the house was built by Thomas Parke (who sold it to Rodney); it has a brick bearing the date of 1728.

The General Assembly for the three lower counties on the Delaware passed a bill on 3 April 1739 appointing John Holliday, James Gorrell, and Thomas Skidmore, Jr., as trustees to sell lots in Dover and to confirm the titles on those already sold. Thomas Skidmore seems to have been in attendance on the House (sitting at New Castle) for on the day following it is noted in the minutes that he "applied to the Speaker for leave to go home, his family being indisposed, the House consenting, leave was granted him accordingly."

He himself was elected to serve in the General Assembly on 1 October 1739 as a representative from Kent County. The returns were read into the minutes on 20 October 1739 and he took his seat immediately; on the 22nd it was ordered that John McCoole, Thomas Skidmore, and Jacob Kollock "wait on the Governor and acquaint him that the House hath met according to law and charter and chose their Speaker."

He was re-elected the following year and again for a third term on 1 Oc-

tober 1741. Some bits of personal news appear now and then in the minutes; on 2 March 1742 he again asked to be excused for non-attendance this "occasioned by the dangerous sickness of his wife and his own indisposition." He apparently did not stand for re-election in 1742.

Thomas Skidmore owned an inn for many years near Dover; he is called "inn-holder" on a deed dated 22 February 1742 conveying the plantation given to him by his uncle to John Fullerton. We have one report from a guest which does not speak too highly of his qualifications as host. William Logan (1718-1776) of Philadelphia stayed at the inn on a trip to Georgia in 1745 and writes in his diary: "we set out and came to Skidmore's where we lodged on a tolerably good bed, a very nasty room, supp'd and breakfasted the next morning on vile chocolate which did not agree with me."

Thomas Skidmore had died intestate by 16 November 1746 when the widow was appointed his administratrix. He left a large estate and the inventory taken by James Gorrell and Samuel Johns totaled £666. Papers in the file mention his children John, Thomas, Samuel, and William. On 26 April 1760 the further administration of the estate of Thomas Skidmore, gentleman, and that of his wife, was given to Daniel Robinson, her second husband.

The title to the Ridgely House had been the subject of a suit apparently as early as 1744; 17 documents relating to the suit are on file at the Hall of Records in Dover. On 14 May 1760 Robinson, as administrator, executed a deed selling "a brick messuage or tenement" to John Brinckloe (the Ridgely House). On 20 November 1769 Thomas and Samuel Skidmore, the two surviving heirs of Thomas Skidmore, deceased, gave a further deed to John Brinckloe [Brinkle], son of John Brinckloe, deceased, for the house. The consideration was only 5sh and it was obviously written to perfect Brinckloe's title.

John and Mary, the two eldest children of Thomas Skidmore, are mentioned in the will of their maternal grandfather William Molleston in 1736. The younger sons are also remembered in the will of their great-uncle Thomas Skidmore in 1744.

Children:

42. i. Dr. John
ii. Mary, living 1736. Not mentioned in the administration papers of her father in 1746. Probably died young.
43. iii. Thomas
44. iv. Dr. Samuel
v. William, living 1746. No further record.

18. SAMUEL[4] SKIDMORE, the son of Samuel (no. 9) and Susanna (Welling) Skidmore, was born in 1709 at Jamaica, Queens County, Long Island, and

died 13 April 1782 at Flushing, Queens County, Long Island. He married Mary, a daughter of John and Hannah (Deane) Gray of Jamaica; she was born 20 December 1710 and died 27 November 1781 and may have been his stepsister.

He went as a young man to South Hempstead where he was granted a stream at a town meeting on 6 April 1736 to build a mill on provided he "keep it in good repair and grind all sorts of grain for the eleventh part and for our town before any others." During the next 11 years he built a flourishing business at Old Town Neck. On 28 February 1747 he and his wife Mary sold the grist mill, two bolting mills, a bolting house, and 52 acres of land to Joost Duryea of Oyster Bay for £800.

On 16 November 1747 Derick Brinkerhoff advertised for sale in the Postboy a plantation of 240 acres on the road from Flushing to Jamaica at Black Stump in Fresh Meadows, Flushing. The house had two rooms on the first floor with a kitchen and lean-to annexed. There was a new barn shingled in cedar, a wagon house, a sheep house, an orchard of 250 trees, and a garden spot all enclosed by a stone fence. There was also a spot of ground at the rear producing forty loads of hay. Samuel Skidmore, who may have learned of the property from the newspaper, purchased it on 1 April 1748 for £1,574.

His descendants were still living there in 1879 and perhaps later. The house was torn down in 1934. It was a Dutch farmhouse standing about 75 feet north of the Black Stump Road and 300 feet east of the Fresh Meadow Road. A photograph shows that the lower part of the house was stone and the attic shingled. There were extensions on either side but the front porches, two old Dutch ovens, and a smokehouse had been razed before 1934. The Brinkerhoff Cemetery northwest of the house contained 76 graves mostly with dark brown stones bearing 18th century dates. It is supposed to have been the oldest cemetery in Flushing.

In 1763 Samuel Skidmore was named an executor of his son-in-law Ephriam Smith of Flushing. On 4 February 1771 he and Samuel Denton, the other executor, advertised Smith's farm at Flushing for sale in the Gazette-Mercury.

Samuel Skidmore and his two sons swore allegiance at Flushing to George III on 21 October 1776. Obediah Mills of Jamaica in his will dated 15 May 1777 names his wife Sarah, brother Nathaniel Mills, and Samuel Skidmore his executors. There are two marriage bonds surviving wherein the Skidmores were sureties for the Mills family. On 11 August 1767 _____ (the Christian name is burned away) Skidmore was a bondsman at the marriage of Hope Mills and Abigail Foster, spinster. A month later on 10 September 1767 Thomas Skidmore (probably the nephew of this Samuel, no. 41) was bondsman for Hezekiah Mills and Mary Peters, spinster. All of this suggests that the Mills are related in some unknown way, it may be that one of the sisters of this Samuel married into that family.

Samuel Skidmore was killed during the American Revolution by a shot through the window of his home at Black Stump on 13 April 1782. No trace of the perpetrator was ever found and the crime was attributed to marauding British or Hessian soldiers who were camped nearby.

Children: (from Bible record)

i. Mary, born 22 November 1734. She married (1) on 27 May 1752 to Ephriam Smith (1727-1763) who died of the pox at Flushing, and (2) Thomas Denton of Jamaica who died, a widower, in 1777.

45. ii. John, born 1 August 1740.

46. iii. Samuel, born 28 September 1743.

iv. Phebe, born 7 January 1745. She married Hendrick Suydam (1736-1818), a widower, on 3 August 1770. She died 11 April 1832 at Astoria, Queens County, Long Island.

19. ANDREW[4] SKIDMORE was born about 1710 at Jamaica, Queens County, Long Island, the son of Samuel (no. 9) and Susanna (Welling) Skidmore, and died at South Hempstead, Queens County, Long Island, soon after 24 June 1774; he is said to have been aged 64 at his death. He married Abigail _____; she was living 30 April 1783 at Beekman, Dutchess County, New York, with her son Andrew. Her family name has not been discovered.

The will of Stephen Voorhees (commonly known as Stephen Johnson) dated 12 November 1757 (when the testator was about 68) names his two sons and Andrew Skidmore his executors, but Andrew is not likely to have been a kinsman unless it was through Johnson's wife Sarah or his own wife.

Andrew Skidmore spent most of his life at Quarrelsome Neck (where he was born) owning 65 acres "west of the road from Foster's Meadow to William Cornell's" on (apparently) the east side of the Jamaica-Hempstead line. He also owned at the time of his death a salt meadow on Far East Neck in Jamaica and a fresh meadow at Hungry Harbor Neck.

His will is dated 17 June 1774 "in bodily health." He leaves to his wife Abigail his best bed, a cupboard, all his linen, a tea table, a spinning wheel, and his warming pan. She was also to have the use of his "great" Bible during his lifetime; at her death it was to go to his son Andrew. All of his property, real and personal, was to be sold and legacies of £100 each paid to the widow and his son. The widow was to have the use of an additional £200 until she died or remarried. The sum of £10 was to be invested for his grandson Andrew Golder and a like amount for his granddaughter Abigail Skidmore until they came of age. At the death of his widow the residue was to be divided among his three children. His wife, his son, and his two sons-in-law were all named his executors. James Everett, Whitehead Skidmore, and James Watts appear as

witnesses. The will was probated 24 October 1774.

On 30 April 1783 Abigail and Andrew Skidmore of Beekman, Dutchess County, New York, and William Golder and Benjamin Everett of Hempstead, join together in a deed selling all of Andrew Skidmore's land in Queens County to John Watts for £385.

Children:

i. Phebe, born 1739. She married William Golder of Jamaica. She died 22 August 1828 aged 89 and is buried at Springfield, Queens County, Long Island.

ii. Mary, born 1741. She married Benjamin Everett on 17 February 1760 at the Presbyterian Church, Newtown, Long Island. She died 20 May 1803 aged 62 years, 3 months, and 11 days, and is buried in the Presbyterian Churchyard at Brinkerhoff, Fishkill Township, Dutchess County, New York.

47. iii. Andrew, born 1748.

20. JOSEPH[4] SKIDMORE was born at Jamaica, Long Island, on 12 April 1712, the son of Samuel (no. 9) and Susanna (Welling) Skidmore, and died at South Hempstead before 16 March 1684. He married Mary _____, who was born 25 September 1716 and probably survived him.

He was a miller for many years in South Hempstead near the present town of Valley Stream, Long Island. In 1740 he was an Overseer of the Highways for Hempstead, and subsequently a Justice of the Peace for Queens County and a ruling elder of the First Presbyterian Church in Hempstead.

On 1 April 1755 he was in Captain Benjamin Smith's company of militia and owned one female slave. He was a petitioner to the General Assembly of New York on 29 September 1775 for a charter for the Presbyterian Church in Jamaica.

On 21 October 1776 he and his sons Nathan, Walter, and Joseph Skidmore all swore allegiance to George III.

His will is dated 8 September 1779 when he was "sick and weak." To his daughter Mary he left household furnishings (described), and the remainder of the indoor movables he left to his wife as well as his "riding chair." To his sons Walter and Joseph he devised all of his lands including his grist mill to be equally divided. The sons were to pay his widow £20 annually and provide her with bread, corn, firewood, as well as 200 lbs of beef and 300 lbs of pork. She was have the use of half of his dwelling while she lived. The sons were to pay cash legacies to his daughter Mary, his son Nathan, his granddaughter Susanna Skidmore, and to Samuel, Walter, William, and Limon Potter Skidmore (children of his son Nathan) as they came of age. To his granddaughter Susanna Skidmore he also left "my best pair of hand irons." His wife

and his sons Walter and Joseph Skidmore were named executors. The witnesses were Matthia Burnet of Jamaica, and Peter Smith and Robert Hinchman. The will was recorded on 16 March 1784.

Children:

48. i. Samuel, born 3 December 1735.
49. ii. Nathan O., born 5 July 1738.
iii. Susanna, born 4 March 1742. She is not mentioned in the will of her father or her brother Samuel Skidmore; probably died young.
50. iv. Walter, born 26 June 1744.
51. v. Joseph, born 20 April 1747.
vi. Mary, born 1 March 1752. She married Nathaniel Wright on 5 January 1781; he died in 1785.

21. JEREMIAH[4] SKIDMORE, the son of Samuel (no. 9) and Susanna (Welling) Skidmore, was born at Jamaica, Queens County, Long Island; he was underage in 1732. He died in Bedford County, Virginia, in or before December 1773, a bachelor.

He is said by descendants of his brother Andrew Skidmore to have been interested in horse racing and to have kept a large stable of "running horses" at Great Neck, Long Island. He was a cordwainer by trade.

On 7 August he was surety on the marriage bond of his nephew Samuel Skidmore who married Jane Peters in Queens County. Sometime after this date he moved to Virginia.

He was murdered in Bedford County by his servants for a small sum of money that he kept in his house. An administrator was appointed at the December court of 1773 and an inventory was taken in January 1774 totaling £106 1sh 6d. On 14 April 1774 Robert Alexander, the administrator, advertised in the Virginia Gazette that he had "some small estate in my possession which the heirs of the said Jeremiah may have by applying to me." On 9 May 1774 the New York Mercury-Gazette carried an advertisement asking the person who had the will of Jeremiah Skidmore murdered last January (this was an error as to month) at his plantation in Virginia to deliver it to John or Samuel Skidmore at Jamaica, Long Island, or to Hugh Gaine, the publisher, in New York City. On 18 May 1774 Samuel Nostran of Suffolk County, New York and John Skidmore of Queens County, as "nearest of kin" of Jeremiah Skidmore (late of Bedford in the Province of Virginia) were appointed his administrators in New York City.

22. JOSEPH[4] SKIDMORE, was born about 1706 the son of Joseph (no. 10) and Rebecca (Miller) Skidmore in Murderkill Hundred, Kent County, Delaware, and died before 17 March 1778 at Ruddle in what is now

Pendleton County, West Virginia. He married about 1730, Agnes (or Annes) Caldwell, a daughter of Andrew and Margaret (Train) Caldwell of Kent County, Delaware. She was living as late as 2 January 1792 in Pendleton County.

Nothing is known of his early years. His mother may have married Edward Williams after the death of his father. Along with other inconclusive evidence, on the levy list of 1726 the name of Joseph Skidmore and Edward Williams are bracketed together and it would appear that Williams (assessed on £25) had paid the rate for Joseph Skidmore (also assessed £25). This is the first list that survives; in the list for 1727 they are assessed separately. It may also be significant that Joseph Skidmore named a son Edward, a name that had not been used previously in either the Skidmore or Caldwell families.

It is likely that he and Agnes were married by 7 April 1730 when Andrew Caldwell, his father-in-law, and Benjamin Shurmer (Caldwell's partner in many land transactions) sold to Joseph Skidmore for £18 an acre of land near the present town of Camden in Kent County, Delaware. It was part of a tract called "Brecknock" and must have had some improvements on it to be worth this price. Joseph seems to have second thoughts about the purchase for he obtained a release from the contract on August 12th of the same year.

Agnes Caldwell had been born on the Wicomico River in Somerset County, Maryland, coming to Delaware in childhood. Her father was one of the most influential men in Kent County, and her brother Andrew represented the county in the General Assembly of Delaware from 1745 to 1757. A nephew was the Captain Jonathan Caldwell of "Blue Hen's Chickens" and Revolutionary fame.

On 18 June 1736 Joseph Skidmore, yeoman, sold Fisher's Delight (inherited from his father) for £70 to Alexander Farquhar. He may have left immediately for Maryland for he appointed two attorneys to acknowledge the deed at the August court in Kent County. He is missing from the levy list for Murderkill Hundred which was taken by Edward Williams, Constable. According to Susanna (Skidmore) Harper her father John was born in 1736 at Little York in Delaware. No place of this name has been identified; possibly it was a plantation belonging to Andrew Caldwell.

When Joseph Skidmore settled in what is now Washington County, Maryland, is uncertain. We might know more of his movements if the proceedings survived for two cases tried before the court of Kent County, Delaware. John Webb sued Joseph Skidmore in 1736 and paid for seven summons (at 4sh each) to be issued to the defendant in 1737. Joseph Skidmore by his attorney Daniel Boyer eventually appeared before the court but all we learn from the docket which remains is that it was an attachment case. Joseph Skidmore also sued Thomas Brown in the same period and won a judgment against Brown at the February term of 1738 for want of a plea from the defendant.

The first documentary evidence of him in Maryland is the signature of Joseph Scidmore on a petition in 1742 from the residents of Prince George's County (which then included Washington County) to the Maryland legislature asking that a new parish be formed to serve them. They state that the present parish is 90 miles in length and the church at such a distance that they cannot attend services. Also the present rector was "growing in years" and can not travel to them as he did in the past. The response was the formation of All Saints parish in Frederick, Maryland, in 1742 with Reverend Joseph Jennings as incumbent.

Joseph Skidmore seems to have made no effort to acquire land in Maryland until 11 June 1748 when he bought a tract of 50 acres called Monican from Cornelius O'Neale. It is described as being at the head of the Little Antietam and he paid £50 for it. The Skidmores lived her but briefly. About the year 1749, according to the recollection of a great-granddaughter, Rachel (Skidmore) Scott, Joseph Skidmore took his family south into Virginia passing through the gap at Harper's Ferry. At this place they were joined by Jonas Friend who subsequently married the eldest Skidmore daughter. From here they ascended the Shenandoah to a point in what is now Rockingham County, Virginia, where they "camped" for a time while Joseph and his older sons crossed over the Alleghanies looking for land. "Skidmore's Camp" is mentioned in the records well into the last century but the location is never precisely defined. It was somewhere on the North River probably at the mouth of what is to this day still called Skidmore's Fork.

From here they crossed the mountains and settled permanently in what became in 1788 Pendleton County, Virginia. In 1749 it was still primeval forest broken only by a few clearings made by the handful of families who had preceded them there. Despite the hardships of pioneer life they had decided to stay by 1 October 1753 for he and Agnes were back in Maryland to sell Monican. Their deed to William Bowells for the plantation was signed that day and acknowledged at the new Frederick County, Maryland, court. The deed calls them of Augusta County, Virginia (which then included what was to become Pendleton County) and confirms the recollections of Mrs. Scott.

The first of Joseph Skidmore's multitudinous land surveys in Virginia was entered in Augusta County on 7 October 1754. It defined the boundaries of 180 acres on Friend's Run near the present county seat of Franklin. It was clear what his motive was in leaving the relatively comfortable life of Delaware, for an enormous number of entries, surveys, and patents followed either by his own name or in partnership with Daniel Harrison. Unlike the absentee proprietor his method was never to take up any large acreage in one block. Instead he entered smaller tracts but always the choicest bits of river bottoms or sites that promised some easy development. Patentees of several thousand acres usually found that most of their tract was not suitable for either agriculture or commerce. After the French and Indian War when settlers

came flocking into what is now Pendleton County he had a fine selection of the very best land to sell them. Frequently he sold only the survey and the new freeholder obtained the patent in his own name from Williamsburg.

Daniel Harrison, his partner in many of these transactions, and Joseph Skidmore were perhaps drawn together by the fact that they were both strong Church of England men. The first "chapel of ease" of the established church in what is now Rockingham County, Virginia, was built on Harrison's plantation near the present town of Dayton, Virginia. It is likely that Joseph Skidmore and his family attended services there whenever a clergyman stopped on his rounds of the frontier.

Joseph Skidmore had scarcely gained a footing in Virginia before the whole of the frontier from Pennsylvania to Georgia was bathed in blood. At the time the Skidmores settled on the South Branch of the Potomac River no Indians lived in the immediate area and those who passed through on hunting expeditions were friendly. The French, however, soon after supplied them with arms and presents and induced them to attack the English. The defeat of Braddock's army left the border without protection. Two forts had been built to defend the 200 or so families who lived in what is now Pendleton County. On 27 April 1758 a Shawnee raiding party descended on one of them; the tribe estimated at 40 braves captured and burned Fort Upper Tract (about five miles from the Skidmore settlement at Ruddle) which they burned killing 22 people. The next day they attacked Fort Seybert where they killed 17 of the white settlers and took 11 prisoners.

Many of the surviving families fled immediately back to the safety of the tidewater or the Carolinas. In the summer of 1758 a number of wills, inventories, and sale bills were recorded at Staunton for those who had perished in the forts. The Skidmores figure in many of these instruments settling up the estates of their former neighbors and we have ample evidence that they stayed despite the perils. On 14 September 1758 the Assembly at Williamsburg voted funds to pay for the public expense of the war and Joseph Skidmore is listed as being due £1 7sh 0d. The accounts also listed his three eldest sons, Joseph, James and John Skidmore, who were entitled to payments for their services in the Augusta County Militia during the war.

The only mischief that the Skidmores are known to have suffered at the hands of the Indians was related by Delilah (Skidmore) Cogar, a great-granddaughter of Joseph Skidmore. According to her the Skidmores lived on a small run (this would be Skidmore Mill Run) and one day when Agnes was at home alone a party of Indians appeared and stole a hog which had just been dressed and was hanging up outside the house. Agnes (who is described as a large "spare-made" woman) sat down on the floor and cried while the Indians looked in through the cracks and laughed at her.

Joseph Skidmore's home was near the present crossroads at Ruddle where

he built a mill on Skidmore's Mill Run. His original house has since been much enlarged and sided over on the outside. The original burr stone from his mill was used many years ago as a foundation for a chimney added to the house. It is now (1977) owned by Fred Vandervanter, Jr., and was formerly owned by Abel Hammer and Ona Ruddle. The mill was certainly operational by October 1763 when an act was passed showing that Joseph Skidmore was entitled to £11 for supplies furnished to the Virginia militia on their return from Pontiac's War.

The years following Pontiac's War were a time of peace on the South Branch. The younger children were sent off to a school kept by William Ginits, a Scotsman, who in November 1768 secured a judgment of £5 against Joseph Skidmore for school bills dating back to 1766.

On 18 January 1775 the Augusta County court certified several claims for supplies and service rendered to the militia during Dunmore's War including one by Ann Skidmore (she is called variously Agnes, Annes, Anis, or Ann in the surviving records). Since the account was in her name it was probably for "diets" [meals] served to the militia as they passed up the valley on the way to Point Pleasant.

The Skidmores did most of their trading at a store kept by Felix Gilbert at Peale's Crossroads across the mountains in the present Rockingham County. His business was a small one until he went to London and returned to Virginia with a fine stock of goods to tempt the local planters. His account books survive for the years 1774 to 1777 and among the things that could not be made at home and were purchased from Gilbert by the Skidmores included hemp, blankets, salt, beeswax, kegs, girths, shears, pots, kettles, wire, hammers, thimbles, hats, shoes, and quantities of rum imported from the West Indies. Mrs. Ann Skidmore or "Granny" Skidmore (her charges are entered in both names) seems to have been excessively fond of shoes unless a part of her purchases were intended as gifts for her family.

Joseph Skidmore died early in the spring of 1778. His will was dated some three years earlier on 15 March 1775 "being overtaken with the infirmities of age and weak of body." He left most of his property to his youngest son Andrew Skidmore (who was still unmarried) having provided for his older children in his lifetime. To Andrew he left his negro "Chark," all the working tools on the plantation, and all his stock and household furniture. Andrew Skidmore was also named the sole executor, and the will was recorded in Augusta County on 17 March 1778.

An inventory was taken on 19 June 1778 and a vendue sale held later in the year. A final account entered by Andrew Skidmore on 10 March 1779 shows that the sale together with the debts due the estate totaled nearly £550. A few items singled out of the inventory included a large Bible (appraised at £1, it was purchased by Captain John Skidmore), a Book of Common Prayer, an old rifle and bullet molds, a pair of "specttacles," a razor and a hone, and among other slaves a young negro

wench worth £200. It was then customary to record the prices realized at the vendue sale but the clerk at Staunton notes that the sale bill of Joseph Skidmore was "so poorly stated that we could not enter them." His family Bible descended to his granddaughter Susanna (Skidmore) Harper who wrote in 1860 that "it is old fashioned, but a good one if old." It was printed in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1756.

Agnes Skidmore survived her husband by many years. She was living as late as 2 January 1792 when the Pendleton County Court ordered that a deposition be taken from her. She would have been about 80 years of age. It is supposed that Joseph and Agnes are buried on the Skidmore Mill Run (now Hammer Run). At least one old grave can be traced several yards south of their home there with a small field headstone (a footstone having disappeared in recent times). Another grave, some distance from this, has been plowed over. One is said to have been the grave of a Skidmore woman and the other of a woman named Dahmer.

Children:

52. i. Joseph
53. ii. James
iii. Sarah, married Jonas Friend who died in 1807. She is said to have been buried in 1808 at Friend's Fort in Randolph County, West Virginia.
54. iv. Captain John, born 10 June 1736.
55. v. Edward
vi. Elizabeth, married Jacob Friend who died in 1819. She was living as late as 10 December 1817 in Pendleton County.
vii. Rebecca, married Gabriel Coil. They were both living 2 September 1806 in what is now Jasper Township, Fayette County, Ohio, on a claim of 200 acres in the Virginia Military District due him as a Revolutionary soldier.
56. viii. Thomas
57. ix. Samuel
x. Margaret, married Lieutenant Colonel Gavin Hamilton on 1 November 1773. He died in 1808 in Rockingham County, Virginia. She was living on 4 June 1811, his widow, with a daughter in Clark County, Kentucky.
58. xi. Andrew, born 8 November 1750.

23. SAMUEL[5] SCIDMORE, the son Joseph (no. 11) and Elizabeth (Tooker) Skidmore, was born about 1722 at Huntington, Suffolk County, Long Island, and died there in March 1782. He appears to have married (1) Sarah _____, who was living in 1751 (and presumably as late as 1770), and (2) Ruth, the daughter of Hezekiah and Ruth (Scudder) Rogers on 3 April 1771. She was previously the widow of Silas Sammis, and married as her third husband Timothy Conklin on 7 June 1787. She was born 15 June 1735 at Huntington, and died there 8 April 1788. She is buried in the Old Cemetery at Huntington.

Sarah Scidmore, not otherwise identified but probably the wife of this Samuel, was the plaintiff in a suit against Zephaniah Platt on 26 March 1751 at the Suffolk Court of Sessions. Samuel Scidmore was an Overseer of the Highway at Fresh Pond in 1763 (and for many years thereafter). He was appointed a Viewer of Fences at a town meeting on 3 May 1768.

In May 1775 he signed the Association Oath to support the Continental Congress, but despite this he was well-known as a Tory on Long Island. In 1776 Scidmore and Isaac Ketcham of Huntington were captured by Captain Rogers and taken to Fairfield, Connecticut, where they were jailed. The complaint against Scidmore was that he possessed himself of the farm of Dr. Zephaniah Platt's brother while Platt was a refugee from Long Island during the British occupation.

On 27 September 1776 Thaddeus Burr, Sheriff of Fairfield County, wrote to the President of the New York State Convention asking for some direction from them. He states that he jailed Scidmore and Ketcham on the complaint of Thomas Treadwell and some other gentlemen of Long Island, but the prisoners are not being held by any legal process. Burr was directed to hold the men in their reply; "Samuel Skidmore is accused of treasonable practices against this state." Burr was authorized to draw money from the Convention for his charges and expenses. Nothing more is heard of the matter.

On 3 March 1778 a whaleboat party of seven men led by Captain William Smith Scudder (under a commission issued by Governor Clinton of New York) raided Samuel Scidmore's home at Huntington. The whaleboaters were American patriots, many of them refugees from the British occupation of Long Island. They had fled to the Connecticut coast and had commissions to cruise Long Island Sound in pursuit of British ships. It required no great breach of conscience on their part to land on Long Island and plunder the wealthy Tories there even although it did exceed their instructions.

Captain Scudder and his crew got a considerable cargo from Samuel Scidmore's cider mill house and forced his negro to get up his team and

cart it down to the shore. Later in the same year General Putnam at Reading, Connecticut, wrote to Scudder protesting his robberies on Long Island and informing him that General Washington had ordered that no property was to be taken "under pretense of its belonging to the Tories."

Samuel Scidmore's will is dated 14 March 1782 and was probated 11 days later on March 25th. His wife was to have the use of one third of his lands but all of it was to be hired out until his son Samuel arrived at the age of 21 when it was to be divided as his will directs between him and his older brother John. His son John was given two-thirds of the movable estate and the other third was to go to his daughter Elizabeth. Jonathan Sammis and David Ketcham were named the executors.

Ruth Scidmore, widow, of Huntington, entered a claim on 8 May 1783 for 620 1/4 lbs of fresh beef at 1sh the pound (due in New York money, £31, 0sh 9d) furnished to the British troops at Lloyd's Neck. Her claim was supported by a certificate from Ebenezer Punderson of the Commissary General's Department who was authorized to grant it, but the claim was probably never paid.

John, the son of Samuel Scidmore, probably died soon after his father. He was probably living on 24 June 1784 when a John and a Samuel Scidmore were baptized at the same time at Huntington. The young Samuel Scidmore appears to have had the whole of his father's lands, and there is no evidence that they were ever divided as the will directed. John was probably dead by 19 June 1787 when a road was laid out and altered "through the land of Samuel Skidmore" to Skidmore's Landing to included good easy swinging gates. The same road was regulated on 28 March 1828 with the same description; this was just previous to the death of Lieutenant Colonel Samuel Scidmore.

It also seems likely that Samuel Scidmore had a daughter Sarah by his first wife of that name. On 25 August 1774 Ruth Scidmore and Sarah Scidmore (presumably her step-daughter) were witnesses to the will of Joshua Arthur of Smithtown; Sarah can not be identified with any certainty. If she was a daughter of Samuel Skidmore she was presumably dead in 1782.

Children: (by first wife)

i. Sarah, probably dead in 1782.

ii. John, probably dead in 1787. He is not found as head of a family in the 1790 census at Huntington (or elsewhere).

iii. Elizabeth, married Oliver Ketcham (1763-1801), a mariner, on 19 January 1792. She was living, his widow, at Brookhaven, Long Island, on 5 December 1801.

59. iv. Lieutenant Colonel Samuel, born 1770.

24. JOSEPH[5] SCIDMORE, son of Joseph (no. 11) and Elizabeth (Tooker) Scidmore, was born at Huntington, Suffolk County, Long Island, and died there sometime previous to 17 December 1763. He married on 16 March 1752 Elizabeth, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Wood) Abbitt of Huntington. She was christened at First Church, Huntington, on 20 April 1735.

As John Scidmore, Jr., he subscribed 8sh to the building of St. John's Church at Huntington in September 1747.

The early (unprobated) will of his father mentions his granddaughters Sarah and Elizabeth "daughters of my son Joseph, deceased" on 17 December 1763, leaving them legacies of £25 each to be paid by their uncles Samuel and Isaac Scidmore. Both of them are also remembered in the will of 29 March 1772 of the elder Joseph Scidmore. The baptisms of these daughters are found in the register of St. George's, Hempstead, but they were probably christened at Huntington when the rector was on circuit there.

Children:

i. Elizabeth, baptized 12 September 1753. Living 1772.
ii. Sarah, baptized 10 November 1757. She married Gilbert Wood of Huntington on 17 September 1775.

25. PETER[5] SCIDMORE, son of Joseph (no. 11) and Elizabeth (Tooker) Scidmore, was christened at Huntington, Suffolk County, Long Island, on 5 June 1734, but born there about 1726. He died at Rocky Point, Brookhaven, Long Island, before 16 June 1800. He married (1) Nancy Tooker (Tucker), a kinswoman no doubt, and perhaps a daughter of Nathaniel Tucker, and (2) Mary, a daughter of Hezekiah Dayton of Setauket, Long Island. His wife Mary was living on 14 December 1794; she was born in 1743 and had a brother Spencer Dayton of St. George's Manor. She is said to have had 15 or 16 children by Peter Scidmore.

He was an Overseer of the Highway at Huntington on 3 May 1757, and on 4 May 1764 he was taxed there on £22 of property. Soon after this date he moved to Brookhaven, Long Island, selling his "plain land" (probably a gift from his father) before 30 July 1765 to Joseph Lewis of Huntington. His farm in Brookhaven was near Woodville (now Shoreham) where he lived the rest of his life. Peter Scidmore, his first son of that name, was playing with another boy after a severe storm on a tree overhanging a sand cliff on Long Island Sound. The cliff gave way and he was carried to the beach and buried by the sand; his companion escaped. The sand left a deep gulch still known locally as Peter's Gully.

He and his eldest son Micajah Skidmore signed the Association Oath to support the Continental Congress in July 1775. In the 1776 census of Brookhaven we find Peter Skidmore was the head of a family consisting of

one male over 50 (himself), 1 male 16/50, and 7 males under 16; the females included 1 over 16, and 2 under 16. Also enumerated in his household was one negro over 16.

Peter Scidmore owned 10 acres and two houses at Brookhaven. He was declared a lunatic on 19 January 1797 in the Court of Chancery but it was allowed that his will was written while sane. A guardianship lists his twelve children then living: Nathaniel Tucker, aged 44; Sarah, aged 40; Micajah, aged 38; Timothy, aged 36; Mary, aged 33; Hezekiah, aged 32; Elizabeth, aged 27; Samuel and Richard, aged 25; Peter, aged 23; William, aged 21; and John aged 14. Another child of Peter may have been the Keziah Schidmore who married James Greenfield on 26 May 1783.

The will of Peter Skidmore of Brookhaven is dated 14 December 1794. It mentions his wife Mary, and his children Micajah, Timothy, Richard, Samuel, William, Hezekiah, Peter, John, Sarah (and her son Samuel Wells), Mary, Abigail, and Elizabeth. He also gave their freedom to negro servants Cain and Phyllis (Cain Skidmore, a free negro, was head of a family in the 1810 census of Riverhead, Long Island). He appointed Captain William Phillips, Samuel Hopkins and James Brown to serve as his executors. His will was probated at Riverhead, Long Island, on 16 June 1800.

Children: (First wife)

60. i. Nathaniel Tucker, baptized 15 July 1753.

(Second wife)

ii. Peter, baptized 23 March 1755; died young (see above).

iii. Sarah, baptized 13 June 1756. She married Mathew Wells (1751-1790) on 13 January 1775. They lived at Cromwell, Middlesex County, Connecticut.

61. iv. Micajah, baptized 15 October 1758.

62. v. Timothy, baptized 5 April 1761.

vi. Mary, born 28 December 1763. She died unmarried 21 October 1850, aged 86 years, 9 months, 24 days, and is buried in the Congregational Churchyard, Mt. Sinai, Brookhaven, Long Island.

63. vii. Hezekiah, born 1765.

viii. Abigail, born ____; died before 19 January 1797.

ix. Elizabeth, born 10 March 1768. She married Nathaniel Tuttle (1763-1838). She died 23 July 1851 aged 83 years, 4 months, 13 days, and is buried in the Congregational Cemetery, Mt. Sinai, Brookhaven, Long Island.

x. Joseph, born 1769. He died 3 October 1794 "in his 25th year" and is buried at Jamesport, Long Island.

64. xi. Richard, born 4 August 1771 (twin).

65. xii. Samuel, born 4 August 1771 (twin).

66. xiii. Peter, born 1773.

67. xiv. William, born 1775.
68. xv. John, born 1787.

RALPH SKIDMORE, who was born perhaps at New London, New London County, Connecticut, on 16 July 1734, is included here with his half brothers by courtesy only as it does not seems that he was a Skidmore by birth. His mother was probably the Elizabeth Tooker, the sometime wife of Joseph Scidmore of Huntington, Long Island, and his father was presumably Ralph **Fargo** (1693-____) of New London, Connecticut. He was probably sent as an infant or child to live on Long Island perhaps with his mother's family. We find him first mentioned in a private list of marriages kept by William Salmon of persons who married in and around Southold, Long Island. From this we learn that he married (1) Hannah Owin on 31 September 1755 on Long Island. He married (2) Mary _____, who was living his widow in Hampshire County, (West) Virginia, in 1784 when she appears on a tax list taken by Michael Cresap. Mary Skidmore disappears after this date and may have remarried.

Ralph Skidmore was enlisted on 30 March 1758 by Captain Thomas Arrowsmith on Staten Island to serve in the French and Indian War, he reenlisted in 1759, 1760, and 1761. His age on the muster rolls varies between 19 and 21, but this has to be understated unless he married as a youth of 15. He is reported to have been born on Staten Island, but this is also patently an error for there is no father to be found for him there at the proper period. He is listed as a laborer, varying in height from 5'7 1/2" to 5'9" and with brown complexion, brown eyes, and brown hair. These facts which Captain Arrowsmith could set down from simple observation are likely to be correct.

He is doubtless the man of his name who enrolled [probably in Hampshire County, (West) Virginia] for service in Dunmore's War in 1774. His name appears on a list of men who were paid off at Pittsburgh in 1775, and on another list of men paid at Romney in Hampshire County. The men on this latter list mostly transferred over to service in the Revolutionary Army and we find Ralph Skidmore serving soon after in the 12th Regiment of the Virginia Continental Line. Nothing else is known of him after this and he may have died in the service.

The posterity of Ralph Skidmore will not be carried forward. However, it may be noted that he left two sons in Hampshire County. William Skidmore was bound out as a young boy to Peter Peters on 14 June 1778 and was added to the tithables in 1790. Ralph Skidmore, Jr., probably a bit younger, was added to the tithables in 1792. On 28 April 1790 both William and Ralph appear on a muster roll of the Hampshire County Militia. William went soon after to Mason County, Kentucky, where he married Mary Criswell on 23 June 1792; he died in 1814 in Henry County, Kentucky, leaving 10 children.

Ralph Skidmore, Jr., was living in Hampshire County as late as 1800. He moved to Ohio where he served in the War of 1812 and is last noticed in

1820 when he was enumerated in the census of Wayne County, Indiana. His widow Mary _____ (born in 1773 in Hampshire County) survived her husband by over 30 years and died in November 1859 at the home of a daughter in Edgar County, Illinois. He does not appear to have left any surviving sons.

26. ISAAC[5] SKIDMORE, the youngest son of Joseph (no. 11) and Hannah (_____) Scidmore, was born about 1735 at Huntington, Suffolk County, Long Island, and died there before 21 November 1816. He married Hannah _____ who was the sister of Zerviah Arthur who died the widow of Reuben Arthur before 3 August 1790. Zerviah was probably previously the widow of (?Samuel) Dunn; she and Arthur had not been married until 3 February 1782 (when she is called Soviah Dun by Reverend Joshua Hartt in his register).

Isaac Skidmore signed the Association Oath to support the Continental Congress in May 1775. On 4 October 1776 he was ordered by Lieutenant Colonel Samuel Birch to deliver his ship to the dock at Huntington by the morning tide. On the 17th it was loaded by the British with a cargo of oil and molasses and sent to New York City for use of British troops there. It was never returned.

In 1782 he filed a claim showing that he had lost £1,500 in damages during the British occupation of Long Island, including the ship and its cargo, timber, livestock, clothing, "money stolen," buildings and provisions. Part of his claims were supported by receipts given by British officers and were sent to New York to be laid before a Board of Commissioners instituted in April 1783 by Sir Guy Carleton. Nothing came of this, and the British left without settling any of these claims.

On 25 March 1791 Isaac Scidmore of Huntington, yeoman, Hannah, his wife, and John Ruland of the same place, yeoman, gave a bond in the sum of £24 for Hannah Scidmore to serve as administratrix of the estate of her sister Zerviah Arthur, deceased. Hannah Scidmore had earlier signed an inventory of the estate taken on 3 August 1790 by Elijah Akerly and Jacob Hawkins. Mary Scidmore (presumably the wife of Peter Scidmore) and Thomas Treadwell are the witnesses to the bond. A Samuel Dunn, possibly the previous husband of Zerviah Arthur, had signed the Association Oath at Brookhaven on 8 June 1775. The parentage of Zerviah Arthur and Hannah Scidmore is presently unknown.

The younger children of Isaac Scidmore are listed as pupils of Reverend Hartt at Smithtown when he opened a school there on 14 January 1793.

The will of Isaac Scidmore is dated 24 July 1804 but he was head of a family in 1810 and his will was not probated until 1816. It mentions his wife Hannah, and his children Timothy, John, Nathaniel, Hannah Scudder, Mary Bryan, and Deborah Oakes. Also remembered were five grandchildren by his son Joseph Scidmore, deceased. The executors were

John B. Scudder, Nathaniel Scidmore, and Henry Scudder, Jr. The witnesses were Thomas Bunce, and Phebe and Henry Scudder.

Children:

69. i. Joseph, born about 1754.
70. ii. Isaac, born 1756.
iii. Hannah, born about 1758. She married John B. Scudder on 14 March 1787. She died at Vernon Valley, Long Island, on 11 May 1838, aged 79.
71. iv. Timothy, born about 1760.
72. v. Nathaniel, born about 1766.
vi. Mary, born about 1773. She married Orzel Bryan on 5 January 1796.
vii. Deborah, born about ____. She married Jesse Oakes on 16 November 1799.
73. viii. John, born about ____.

27. DAVID[5] SCIDMORE, a son of John (no. 12) and Susanna (Smith) Scidmore, was born perhaps about 1710 at Huntington, Suffolk County, Long Island, and died there before his father but after 19 August 1746. He married Abigail Dennis on 15 January 1730. She was baptized as an adult at the First Church on 1 August 1731 at the same time as her first child Grace. Abigail Scidmore survived her husband by many years; she was living 31 December 1771 and is probably the "widow Scidmore" who died 16 November 1787 according to the register kept by the Reverend Nathan Woodhull.

David Scidmore was living on 19 August 1746 when he is mentioned in the boundaries on a deed by Edward Bailey, a carpenter of Huntington, to Samuel Dodge of Cow Neck, Hempstead, for 50 acres on the west side of Crabmeadow, bounded west by the bay, north by Timothy Soper, east by David Skidmore, and south by Gildersleeve. The Scidmore tract on the east had been purchased by David's grandfather from Jonathan Lewis and had been allotted to his Uncle Thomas in a division of the lands of John Scidmore. Thomas Scidmore sold it to his brother John on 30 April 1743 and John Scidmore must have deeded it to his son David before 26 May 1746 although the deed is not on record at either Huntington or Riverhead. On 26 May 1746 when certain roads were laid out at Crabmeadow mention is made of one from "the neck near the dugway between Thomas Bruce & David Skidmore westwardly to Henry Sopers, to highwater mark."

On 2 March 1758 Alexander Bryan of Huntington in his will mentions his land "on the east side of the road at Crabmeadow opposite the widow Scidmore's land," and his meadow on the east side of Crabmeadow gut, or inlet, between the meadow of the widow Scidmore and Simon Fleet.

Abigail Scidmore, widow, and Rachel Scidmore (her daughter) joined the

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First Church at Huntington on 28 October 1764.

On 17 November 1774 Thomas Scidmore of Huntington deeded to his brother Philip Scidmore one half of the estate of their father, David Scidmore, deceased, including "the homestead in Crabmeadow northwardly of the road leading from Crabmeadow to Eaton's Neck." There was no probate for David Scidmore of Huntington, and this partition deed between the two male heirs served in lieu of it.

Children:

i. Grace, baptized 1 August 1731. She married Eliphelet Wood on 18 May 1756.
ii. Susanna, baptized 10 April 1734. She married James Bishop on 13 November 1753. He died in 1787.
iii. Phebe, baptized 1 August 1736.
iv. Rachael, baptized 22 April 1739. She married William Nichols (1731-1784), a widower, on 23 March 1779. She was living, his widow, in the 1790 census.
74. v. Thomas, baptized 23 August 1741.
75. vi. Philip, baptized 17 June 1744.
vii. David, baptized 18 February 1747. Probably died young.

28. JOHN[5] SCIDMORE, was born 29 June 1706 at Fresh Pond, Suffolk County, Huntington, Long Island, the son of John (no. 12) and Susanna (Smith) Scidmore, and died 7 December 1784 in what is now Saratoga (then Albany) County, New York. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas and Susanna (Ketcham) Brush, on 30 May 1739 at Huntington. She was born 24 February 1718 according to the Huntington town records. Her father had moved by 1747 to Amwell, Hunterdon County, New Jersey.

This John Scidmore is first noticed at Huntington on 21 December 1739 when he and his father recorded the earmarks for their cattle. On 21 March 1645/6 John Scidmore, Jr., of Huntington, yeoman, sold to Samuel Scidmore (doubtless his brother) 2 3/4 acres of land "west of the high-way from Fresh Pond Landing" for £29. He removed soon after this date to Norwalk, Connecticut, where as John Scidmore "of Huntington in the county of Suffolk on the Island of Nassau" he bought on 18 May 1747 a house and lot at Elies Neck from Moses Hayt for £30. He bought other land at Elies Neck on 2 February 1747/8 from John Belden but he did not stay long at Norwalk. On 31 March 1748 he sold both tracts to John Gerney.

He probably went immediately to New Jersey, although no mention has yet been found to him in the records of that colony. Possibly he joined his father-in-law at Amwell in Hunterdon County or he may have been at Second River (now Belleville) in Essex County where Samuel Scidmore (presumably his brother) is known to have been living in the 1750s. He was still in New Jersey in 1755 when his son Zophar was born but in June

1758 he was taxed at Beekman Precinct in Dutchess County, New York, on the "Clement's Place." He was still living at Beekman in February 1762 but in the year following he was taxed at Nine Partners in the same county.

In October 1771 Isaac Telfer brought a suit against John Skidmore in Dutchess County claiming that on 1 July 1769 John had given him a promissory note at Poughkeepsie for £4 12sh 3d to be paid before the following August. Telfer also states that the "said John hath altogether refused and still doth deny and refuse to said Isaac to the damage of £10 and thereof he brings this suit."

He and his sons moved away before the American Revolution to Saratoga (then a part of Albany) County on the very northernmost frontier of the New York colony. His four sons served soon after in the Albany County Militia during the war for independence. In 1778 he, his four sons, and his son-in-law Simeon Barber signed a petition (with others) addressed to Governor George Clinton stating that when the British army under Burgoyne had penetrated the Saratoga District in 1777 that they had "removed from their habitations with such of their effects as they could convey." Now as many as could had returned to their homes and were preparing to cultivate their farms for the substance of their families and the support of the American armies "out of the spare." They were exposed in the district both to the Indians and "their more savage abetters the British troops and Tories from Canada" and they asked that American troops be sent to protect them.

Governor Clinton replied from Poughkeepsie on 24 April 1778 regretting that he had no troops at his command. He had written to General Washington about their plight and for the moment had prevailed on General McDougall to keep several regiments where they are. From the pension application of Zophar Scidmore we learn that his family retreated to New Concord near Kinderhook in Columbia County, New York, when Burgoyne invaded the Saratoga District, but he returned to his home the day before Burgoyne "gave up his sword" (17 October 1777) having heard that the British had agreed to surrender.

No probate has been found for this John Scidmore in either Albany or Saratoga Counties. Possibly he had other daughters of whom we have no present knowledge.

Children:

i. Susanna, born 1740. She married Simeon Barber (1737-1817) in Dutchess County. They lived on a farm near Saratoga Springs and Barber served in the Albany County Militia during the Revolution. They moved in the summer of 1778 to Sullivan County, Tennessee, where they lived for the next 32 years. In 1810 they moved to Posey Township, Franklin County, Indiana, where she died in September 1820 "in the

80th year of her age." She is buried with her husband at New Trenton, Indiana.

76. ii. Solomon

iii. Elizabeth, born 25 June 1746. She married Benjamin Hall (1740-1815) on 12 October 1763 in Dutchess County. She died there at Clove in Union Vale Township on 13 March 1771. He married (2) Tracy LaForce on 25 June 1772. The house owned and built by Benjamin Hall at Clove was still standing in 1958 owned by the Rod and Gun Club.

77. iv. John, born 1750.

78. v. Abner, born 7 January 1753.

79. vi. Zophar, born 30 June 1755.

vii. Abigail. She is mentioned as a sister to John Scidmore, Jr., by his descendants. No further record.

29. SAMUEL[5] SCIDMORE, was born about 1720 at Huntington, Suffolk County, Long Island, the son of John (no. 12) and Susanna (Smith) Scidmore, and is probably the man of his name living in February 1780 in Essex County, New Jersey. He married Naomi _____ (perhaps Brush) who was living in 1791 when she was a sponsor at the baptism of Samuel Skidmore (born 6 January 1791), a grandson. She may be the Naomi Skidmore, not otherwise identified, who married Elias Baldwin on 14 April 1800 in Essex County.

On 21 March 1745/6 John Scidmore, Jr., of Huntington, Long Island, yeoman, sold to Samuel Scidmore 2 3/4 acres of land "west of the highway from Fresh Pond Landing" for £29. The price suggests the land was improved by a substantial house or had some other attractive attribute. No deed has been found for the sale of the tract.

In his father's will dated 24 June 1758 both John and Samuel Scidmore are cut off with 10sh each probably as both had removed from Long Island some years earlier. John was now in Dutchess County, New York, and Samuel was probably already in Essex County, New Jersey. Samuel's son John, born probably no later than 1760, is said in the records of Acquackanock Reformed Church of Passaic [which shared a minister with the Reformed Church of Second River (now Belleville)] to have been born at the latter place.

Samuel Skidmore was a sponsor at the baptism of Samuel Spier, a grandson (born 22 July 1772), according to the register of the Acquackanock Reformed Church.

Samuel Skidmore was a householder with one cow at what is now Belleville (then a part of Newark Township) according to the tax list of Essex County taken in February 1780. No probate has been found for him.

Children: (possibly incomplete)

i. Hannah, she married (by 1770) Moses Tharp. He died in 1799 in Patterson Township, Essex County, New Jersey.
ii. Naomi, she married (by 1772) Reynier Spier (Speer). They were living in 1830 in Acquackanock Township, Essex County, New Jersey.
iii. Sarah, she married (by 1777) John Cusaart (Cossart).
80. iv. John

30. ZOPHAR[5] SCIDMORE, was born about 1731 at Smithtown, Long Island, the youngest son of John (no. 12) and Susanna (Smith) Scidmore, and died at the same place on 31 October 1822 "aged 78." He married at Brookhaven on 8 December 1766 to (1) Mary, a daughter of John and Susanna (Rogers) Titus. She died 30 January 1799 aged 52. He marred (2) Deliverence Davis on 11 November 1808 at the Setauket Presbyterian Church; she was living 18 March 1822. He is said to be buried in the Skidmore plot at Head of the Harbor, Smithtown.

He inherited his father's lands at Bread and Cheese Hollow in Smithtown and was a witness to the will of his uncle Joseph Scidmore on 17 December 1763. On 1 April 1769 he entered into a partnership with Reuben Johnson (his wife's stepfather) to farm certain lands in Huntington.

He was Overseer of the Highways at Smithtown in 1772 (and thereafter) and was a Constable and Collector in 1778. In the census of 1776 he was enumerated with a household of 1 male 16/50 (himself), 1 male under 16, and a female over 16 (his wife), and 3 females under 16.

Zophar Scidmore refused to sign the Association Oath to support the Continental Congress in May 1775. He is sometimes said to have served in the Revolutionary Army, but this is a confusion with his nephew Zophar of Saratoga County, New York. His granddaughter, Estelle Emma Skidmore Doremus (1830-1905), was an early and enthusiastic member of the Daughters of the American Revolution serving for many years as Regent of the New York City chapter.

Zophar Scidmore was living at Brookhaven in the 1810 and 1820 censuses. On 18 March 1822 he and Deliverence Scidmore of Brookhaven deeded to his grandson Alfred [sic] Skidmore "for natural love and affection" several tracts including a mill and 20 acres of land at Setauket, Long Island.

Children: (all by his first wife)

81. i. Captain Hubbard, born 1 November 1767.
ii. Elizabeth, born 16 October 1769. She married Fordham Smith (1769-1843) on 1 December 1796. She died 26 May 1841 at Head of the Harbor, Smithtown, Suffolk County, Long Island.
iii. Susanna, born 14 March 1772. She married Gilbert McCoun.
iv. Mary, born 26 May 1774. She married Nicholas Smith (1761-1847) of Head of the Harbor, Smithtown, in June 1792. She

died 1 January 1848 at St. James, Long Island.

82. v. John, born 11 November 1776.
83. vi. Samuel, born 3 October 1778.
84. vii. Zophar, born 6 April 1781.
85. viii. Jonas Titus, born 19 July 1783.
86. ix. Solomon, born 10 May 1785.
x. Hannah, born 19 October 1788. She married Carll Youngs on 5 June 1819 at Setauket, Long Island, Presbyterian Church.
87. xi. Richard, born 24 August 1791.

31. THOMAS[5] SCIDMORE, was born about 1714 at Huntington, Suffolk County, Long Island, the son of Thomas (no. 13) and Lorinda (Smith) Scidmore. He married Hulda Smith on 24 May 1738 at the First Church, Huntington.

His earmarks were recorded at Huntington in 1738.

He enlisted in the company of Captain Jessee Platt on 12 April 1760 for active service in the French and Indian War. He was then age 46, a native of Huntington, a laborer, and out of Captain Thomas Jarvis' company of Suffolk County Militia. If he lived to return home nothing more has been learned of this Thomas Scidmore.

32. DANIEL[5] SCIDMORE, was born at Huntington, Suffolk County, Long Island, the son of Thomas (no. 13) and Lorinda (Smith) Scidmore.

He enlisted in the company of Captain James Fanning which was mustered on 26 July 1746 at Huntington for the expedition to Canada. Nothing further is known of him after this date.

33. JOHN[5] SCIDMORE, was born at Huntington, Suffolk County, Long Island, the son of Thomas (no. 13) and Lorinda (Smith) Scidmore. He was christened, probably not an infant, at the First Church, Huntington, on 5 June 1734.

He presumably survived to adulthood as he is remembered in a family history compiled by Richard Smith IV (1735-1812). Nothing else has been learned of him on Long Island.

34. NEHEMIAH[5] SKIDMORE, the son of Lieutenant Thomas (no. 15) and Martha (?Sherman) Skidmore, was born at Newtown, Fairfield County, Connecticut, on 22 February 1718, and died at Hawleyville, Connecticut, on 18 April 1781, aged 62. He married Charity, a daughter of John and Abigail (Kimberly) Lake. She was born 18 February 1721 and died January 1799 aged 78 (tombstone) or 14 February 1800 (vital records). They are buried in the Land's End Cemetery, Newtown.

They lived at the Neck in Newtown and were members of the Episcopal Church there. Nehemiah was a farmer and a wheelwright who made carts and farm machinery. He took the Freeman's Oath at Newtown in 1747 and in 1768 was on a committee for the school in the Lake George District. He was taxed £100 17sh 0d in the Grand Levy of 1767.

The will of Nehemiah Skidmore is dated 5 April 1781 and was proved on December 4th of the same year. To his wife Charity he left one half of his house, all his household furniture, livestock, and pasture "sufficient for keeping all the said creatures." To his eldest son Elnathan he left 11 1/2 acres of land purchased from James Baldwin. There were cash legacies to his daughters Sarah and Joanna to be paid within two years of his death by his sons. His carpenter's tools and the remainder of his real and personal property were to be divided among his three sons. His sons Elnathan and Amos Skidmore were appointed administrators. The inventory was taken on 12 April 1782 and totaled £896 11sh 5d.

Children:

88. i. Elnathan
ii. Sarah, born 1747. She married Samuel Peck (1744-1832), a blacksmith and a Revolutionary soldier from Newtown. She died 18 September 1819 aged 72, buried Land's End Cemetery, Newtown. He married (2) Sarah Burrett.
89. iii. Lemuel, born 16 March 1755.
iv. Joanna, born ____. She married Joseph Nichols, a weaver of fine bedspreads. They lived near Bridgeport, Connecticut, and had no children.
90. v. Amos, born 1762.

35. JOHN[5] SKIDMORE, the son of Lieutenant Thomas (no. 15) and Martha (?Sherman) Skidmore, was born 16 January 1725/6 at Newtown, Fairfield County, and died at the same place just previous to 10 October 1790. He married Mary, a daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Kimberly) Prindle. She was born 14 October 1727 and died on 24 April 1807 as his widow. No tombstones have been found for them at Newtown, Connecticut.

He took the Freeman's Oath at Newtown in 1751, and was taxed on £63 18sh 6d in the Grand Levy of 1767. He and his son Abel took the Oath of Fidelity in 1777; the other Skidmores in Connecticut are presumed to have been loyalists in sentiment.

The will of John Skidmur was dated 22 September 1790 and recorded at Danbury on October 10th. To his wife Mary he left half his house, his furniture, his livestock, and the use of one third of his land during her natural life. He left legacies to his grandchildren Annis [Turner] Barnum and Daniel and Jeremiah Turner. To the heirs of his daughter An-

nis Brown he left £12. To his eldest son Elias he left land on Baldwin's Hill. To his son Amon he left the other half of his house, two acres of meadow east of his house, and all his farming tools. There were also legacies to his daughters Ruby Allen, Mary Taylor, and Hulda Skidmore. The residue was to be divided between his sons Abel and Amon who were to serve as executors. The witnesses were John Smith, Amos Skidmur, and Daniel Terrell.

Children:

i. Alathea, born 9 February 1848. She married Miller Turner (1741-1809) of Arlington, Bennington County, Vermont, on 23 May 1769. He was a loyalist and served in the Royal Garrison Battalion in the Revolution, and went briefly after the war to New Brunswick. She died at Arlington on 25 September 1781 aged 32 years, 7 months, 16 days. They are both buried in the West Arlington Cemetery. He married (2) Lucy Terrell (1757-____) on 14 February 1790.

91. ii. Elias

92. iii. Abel

93. iv. Amon

v. Annis. She married Lieutenant Zachariah Bernard Brown (1739-1817), a loyalist, on 27 July 1770 at Newtown. He served as a lieutenant in the 2nd (DeLancey's) Brigade, and went after the war to Burton, New Brunswick (where Elias Skidmore also had a grant of land at the same time). He died in Sunbury County, New Brunswick. Annis Brown had died in or before 1790.

vi. Ruby. She married William Allen.

vii. Mary. She married Jabez Taylor, Jr., on 12 November 1778 at Danbury, Fairfield County, Connecticut.

viii. Hulda, born 23 February 1762. She married James Thomas (1758-1824) who died at Brookfield, Fairfield County, Connecticut. Her only son, Wanzer Thomas (1796-1852), moved by 1830 to Newark, Essex County, New Jersey, and Hulda Thomas died there in 1856.

36. LIEUTENANT THOMAS[5] SKIDMORE, JR, was born at Newtown, Fairfield County, Connecticut, in 1731, the son of Lieutenant Thomas (no. 15) and Martha (?Sherman) Skidmore, and died at the same place on 21 January 1778. He was buried in the village and town cemetery at Newtown; his tombstone is no longer legible. He married Cynthia, the daughter of John and Mary (Seeley) Beers. She was born 15 May 1736 and died 16 March 1804. She married (2) after 15 January 1793 Jotham Sherman (1735-1817) as his 3rd wife; he had been married previously to her sister Amy Beers.

On 25 December 1758 Thomas Skidmore, Jr., of Newtown impounded four

sheep which had damaged his property. They were sold by the town for 16sh but the expenses of keeping them, the damages due to Skidmore, the constable's fee for crying, the prizer fee and oath, the drummer's expenses, the cost of vendue, the clerk's fee for recording the sale, all ran the expenses to £1 3sh 1d for a net loss of 7sh 1d.

He took the Freeman's Oath at Newtown in 1762, and was taxed on £67 13sh 6d in the Grand Levy of 1767. He was a Selectman for the town in 1774 and 1775.

He was appointed Ensign of the First Company of Newtown in October 1770 by the General Assembly, and promoted to Lieutenant in October 1771.

On 6 March 1775 Thomas Skidmore, Jotham Sherman, and Zadock Sherman framed a resolution from the town to the General Assembly at New Haven which expressed the hope that the differences between the colonies and England would be settled without war. In 1776 the town either refused to elect representatives to the Assembly (or if elected they refused to serve) probably as an expression of town's disapproval of the American Revolution.

Thomas Skidmore left no will. An inventory of his estate was taken 27 October 1779 totalling £588 10sh 0d in real property and £64 18sh 1d in personal property. His brother John Skidmore was appointed administrator. A distribution of his land was made between the widow and his seven children on 10 November 1779 and is recorded at Danbury. It shows that John and Zaida were still minors on this date; Ann and Zaida were still unmarried.

Lieutenant Thomas Skidmore is said to have had another daughter Mary who married Senton Baldwin (1761-____), a son of Daniel and Abigail (Northrup) Baldwin. If this is so she must have died before her father without surviving issue.

Children:

i. Amy, born 1756. She married (by 1779) Ebenezer Sherman (1752-1822) and died at Easton, Fairfield County, Connecticut, on 26 December 1807 aged 51.

ii. Anne, born 1758. She married James Bristol (1759-1841) a Revolutionary soldier from Sandgate, Bennington County, Vermont. She died at Sandgate on 10 March 1809 aged 51.

94. iii. James, born 1761.

iv. Abiah, born 1763. She married (by 1779) Nathan Ferris (1749-1830). They moved to Norwalk, Huron County, Ohio, where Abiah died 12 July 1837 aged 81. They are buried in St. Paul's Episcopal Churchyard in Norwalk, Ohio.

95. v. Daniel, born 1765.

96. vi. John, born 1767.

vii. Lucy, born 1773. She died 7 July 1777 aged four. She is

buried next to her father in the village and town cemetery at Newtown.

viii. Zaida, born 1776. She married Micajah Nash (1773-1818), a hatter of Newtown and Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut. She died at Newtown on 28 June 1801 aged 25 years, 3 months, and is buried in Land's End Cemetery. He married (2) Phebe Peck, a spinster.

37. WHITEHEAD[5] SKIDMORE was born about 1734 at Jamaica, Queens County, Long Island, and was living as late as the Federal Census of 1810 at South Hempstead, Long Island. He was the son of John (no. 16) and Mary (Whitehead) Skidmore. He married (1) Jannetie, the daughter of John and Lametie (Ryerson) Van Nostrand, and (2) Jane Doughty (Doubley according to a copy of the marriage bond) on 26 June 1764. His first wife was born 8 April 1740 and died (perhaps) shortly after the baptism of the child on 23 January 1761 at the Newtown (Long Island) Presbyterian Church.

He was named for his maternal grandfather Captain Thomas Whitehead.

On 23 January 1761 Reverend Horton of the Newtown Presbyterian Church notes in the register "Whitehead Skidmore belonging to the Jamaica congregation sent for me, his child being to all appearance near the point of death. He with his wife desired to renew ye covenant with God, and recive Baptism for ye child, which was done in the presence of one Elder & a number of other persons." It would seem (from any word to the contrary) that the child recovered.

He was a witness to the will of his brother-in-law, William Everett, on 6 December 1763. On 13 July 1770 Whitehead Skidmore, yeoman of Jamaica, gave his land at that place as security for his brother Samuel Skidmore's debts to George Ryerson of Jamaica. The largest tract was 193 acres "where Whitehead now lives" at the crossroads near John Skidmore's mill pond on the road to Rockaway. On 17 June 1774 he was a witness to the will of his uncle Andrew Skidmore.

He voted for a deputy to the Provincial Congress on 31 March and 7 November 1775 at Jamaica. On 16 November 1775 he was a witness to the will of John Montayne; Montayne was probably a cousin although the precise relationship cannot be presently spelled out.

On 21 October 1776 Whitehead Skidmore swore allegiance to George III which most likely reflected his true sentiments during the Revolution. He was a strong loyalist and he went with a number of other families from Queens County, New York, to Queens County, New Brunswick, about the year 1783. On 1 September 1777 John Skidmore and Whitehead Skidmore had each contributed £1 4sh 0d each to the £219 raised in New York for the encouragement of the New Corps (Fanning's) raised in the province at the request of Governor Tyron.

Whitehead Skidmore was still in New Brunswick on 18 July 1786 when he petitioned Thomas Carleton, Governor General of the Province of New Brunswick, for a grant of land there: "The Petition of Whitehead Skidmore Humbly Sheweth -- that he arrived in this Province in the year [17]83 in May and that he haith not had any Land granted to him as yet where on he mite setle. Only on sufference and that he haith Begun last March on Land Call'd Col. Sprys by leav of Sam[1] Deney Streete Esqr. and that he had the Promise of a Lease for the Same it being Lot No. 20 - on the NE side of the Rive St. John four miles above Gam Sagg, and that he is now informed that Col. Sprys Grant is Broken - therefore your Excellencys Petitioner Humbly Prays that he may have a grant for the same. If he should Be Removed it would Ruin him he haith spent much Labor on the Land. He Haith a Crop growing there on, and that he haith a Wife and six Children and him self upwards of 50 years old therefore he makes no Doubt that your Excellency Will Consider him as Needy, and he as in Duty-Bound Will Ever Pray."

Most of the Tories from Long Island came straggling back, disappointed in promises made to them by the British, the harsh winters, and the stony soil of New Brunswick. Whitehead was back at South Hempstead by the time the first census was taken in 1790.

He was living at South Hempstead in 1810 with a household consisting (apparently) of his wife and himself, and three unmarried daughters (one 16/26, and two 26/45). His date of death is unknown and there was no probate on his estate. Emily C. Hawley printed a hearsay account of his family in 1911 and we have followed it with additions. Another daughter, not listed by Hawley, may have been the Martha Skidmore who was a sponsor (with the father, presumably her brother) of Stephen Skidmore at his christening on 25 September 1803 at St. Ann's Episcopal Church in Brooklyn.

Children: (Maternity uncertain)

i. Whitehead, perhaps the child baptized 23 January 1761. Died young.

ii. Mary, probably unmarried in 1810.

iii. Lettie (?Martha), probably unmarried in 1810.

97. iv. John, born 1774.

v. Sarah, born 1777. She married (1) John Hawkhurst (1746-1823), a widower, on 17 May 1812 at Flushing, Long Island. They lived at Rocky Hills, Newtown, Queens County, Long Island. She married (2) John Eldred, and was living, his widow, at South Hempstead in 1860.

vi. Jemina, baptized 16 July 1782 at St. George's, Hempstead. She married Adam Seabury (1767-1826), a schoolteacher, on 14 August 1802 at St. Ann's Episcopal Church, Brooklyn, Long Island. She died 17 June 1848.

38. MAJOR JOHN J.[5] SKIDMORE, the son of John (no. 16) and Mary (Whitehead) Skidmore, was born at Jamaica, Queens County, Long Island, on 23 February 1738, and died there on 7 May 1804 aged 66 years, 2 months, and 12 days. He is buried in Prospect Cemetery. He married (1) Mary, a daughter of Michael and Miriam (Dorland) De Mott on 7 June 1764. [Note that Emily C. Hawley has confused the marriage of his cousin John (no. 45) who had a wife Mary also, with this John (no. 38).] Marytie, the daughter of Michael and Miriam De Mott was christened 7 January 1739 at the Dutch Church in Jamaica; she died about 1783. He married (2) Hilleche, a daughter of Abraham and Wanechy (Golder) Hendrikson; she was buried at Grace Church on 16 August 1801. A fragment of a tombstone found for her at Prospect Cemetery says she died 5 [sic] August 1801 aged 62 years, 7 months, contradicting the church record. (Perhaps 15 August 1801 was the date of death. This would be compatible with a burial on the 16th).

His home at Hollis in Jamaica stood on the south side of Jamaica Avenue between 191st and 192nd Streets; the Hollis Theater is now on a part of his homestead.

Despite inconsistencies given for his age he is probably the John Skidmore, a husbandman from Captain Betts' company, who enlisted for three successive years in the Queens County Militia for service in the French and Indian War. The first muster roll shows that he was age 17 and born at South Hempstead when he was enlisted by Captain Ephraim Morse on 3 April 1759. He re-enlisted on 24 March 1760 in Captain Morse's company as aged 18 and born on Long Island. He was re-enrolled by Captain Daniel Wright (who had replaced Morse) on 28 April 1761, his age has now zoomed to 29 and he lis listed as 5' 8" and a native of Long Island.

On 6 December 1763 he is called brother-in-law in the will of William Everett of Brooklyn, and in July 1773 he is called "cousin" and named an executor in the will of John Cornell of Huntington, Long Island. He was a trustee of the Presbyterian Church at Jamaica in 1775, and he voted for a deputy to the Provincial Congress on 31 March and 7 November 1775.

At the outbreak of the Revolution he was elected Captain of a company of Jamaica Minute Men. Their uniform was a linen frock reaching below the knees with a fringe around the arms and neck with a white feather in their hats. He was promoted to Major in July 1776. After their defeat at the Battle of Brooklyn they fled up the Hudson River and John Skidmore spent most of the war in Dutchess County as a quartermaster officer. From the pension application of Lieutenant Lent Ives we find that Ives was engaged by Skidmore in the summer of 1778 as a teamster to drive an ammunition wagon for two field guns attached to General McDougall's brigade. Major General Alexander McDougall (1732-1786) was stationed for the greater part of the war in the Highland of the Hudson, but his command was also was at White Plains and Germantown. Major John

Skidmore was at Newburgh in Orange County in May 1782 when he gave a receipt for 80 bushels of rye delivered to the Revolutionary Army.

His wife was living as late as 12 September 1781 when she was left a legacy of £50 in the will of her father, but she died while her husband was still away with the Revolutionary army.

On 16 November 1775 he was appointed executor of the will of John Montayne of Hempstead, presumably his first cousin, and on 9 December 1784 John Skidmore, yeoman, was a bondsman on the administration given to John Hendrikson on the estate of Mercy Montayne, the widow of John Montayne. John Hendrikson (1729-1792) was an uncle of Skidmore's second wife; his will dated 15 March names his cousin John J. Skidmore as executor.

The property of the Whigs who had fled Long Island was frequently leased by the British to the Tories who remained. In 1785 John Skidmore filed two suits to collect damages from Tories who had appropriated his land during the Revolution. He subscribed £2 towards the establishing of Union Hall Academy in Jamaica in 1791.

John Skidmore was a supervisor of Jamaica in 1786 and re-elected every year by the townsmen until 1799. He was Queens' representative in the 21st, 22nd, 23rd, and 24th sessions of the New York General Assembly from 1798 to 1801.

His will "in bodily health" was dated 27 August 1803 and was probated 19 May 1804. His lands went to his sons Jeremiah and Michael Skidmore. His son Michael was to have "my silver helted sword." He gave legacies to his daughters Mary Hendrikson, Miriam Higby, and Phebe Everett. His sons Jeremiah and Michael and his son-in-law Peter Hendrikson were to serve as executors, and the witnesses were Platt Smith, John Smith, and Daniel Gracy.

His funeral, doubtless a large one, was from Grace Church in Jamaica on 9 May 1804.

Children: (First wife)

i. Mary, born 27 September 1765. She married Peter Hendrikson (1762-1837) on 6 June 1783. She died 30 June 1806.

ii. Miriam, born about 1767. She married Henry Higby and was living in 1840 at Hempstead.

iii. Phebe, born about 1769. She married Benjamin Everett on 27 February 1785.

98. iv. Jeremiah, born about 1770.

99. v. Luther Mitchell, born 17 February 1772.

100. vi. Captain Michael, born 9 January 1775.

101. vii. Joseph, born about 1778.

39. DANIEL[5] SKIDMORE, the son of John (no. 16) and Mary (Whitehead) Skidmore, was born at Jamaica, Queens County, Long Island, perhaps about 1740. He was living as late as 3 January 1782, but nothing is known of him after this date. He married Jane Acker at the Reformed Dutch Church in New York City on 3 June 1758; "Peiter Loei" (?Lowey) was the bondsman. On 29 October 1759 Daniel Scidmore was the bondsman at the marriage of Joseph Lewis and Anne Montayne a widow, of New York City.

He is called a "weaver of Queens County" on 18 May 1774 when he was surety for his father when John Skidmore gave a bond to administer the estate of Jeremiah Skidmore of Virginia. On 6 December 1763 Daniel Skidmore is called brother-in-law in the will of William Everett of Brooklyn.

In 1775 he was enlisted as a private in the company of Jamaica Minute Men commanded by his brother John Skidmore. They fled from Long Island during the British occupation.

Daniel Skidmore is remembered in the will of his father dated 3 January 1782: "I do give and bequeath to my well beloved son Daniel Skidmore the sum of one hundred pounds current money of New York if he shall be living to receive it after my decease, but in case he should die before that time, then it is my will and I do order that the sum of fifty pounds only be for his children and to be equally divided among them, but my will is that his wife shall have the use of the said fifty pounds towards the support and bringing up of the said children."

No certain reference to Daniel Skidmore has been found after this date. It seems likely that he is the man of his name living in the 1790 census in North Castle Township, Westchester County, New York, with a household consisting of only himself and one female. Nothing else has been learned of Daniel Skidmore in Westchester County; his brother John owned land there but there are no deeds to or from Daniel Skidmore. He did not own any real property in Queens County either; if he was a weaver for all of his life and never farmed there was probably no necessity for him to acquire anything more than a small house and shop by leasehold. No probate has been found for him.

Children:

[Had issue, none traced.]

40. SAMUEL[5] SKIDMORE, the son of John (no. 16) and Mary (Whitehead) Skidmore, of Jamaica, died at Brooklyn, Kings County, Long Island, before 3 January 1782. He married Sarah, a daughter of George and Sarah (Rushmore) Everett of Hempstead, at the First Presbyterian Church of Newtown, Long Island, on 26 April 1761. She was a sister of Benjamin Everett of Dutchess County (who married Mary, daughter of Andrew

Skidmore); Everett's will dated 18 June 1803 leaves $100 to his sister Sara Skidmore. She was born 4 June 1741 and died 10 December 1834, aged 93 years, 6 months, and 6 days. She is buried in a small private Dick family cemetery on Westchester Avenue in White Plains, Westchester County, New York.

He is called "of Jamaica" on 7 February 1762 when his eldest daughter was baptized at the First Presbyterian Church in Newtown, but moved soon after this date to Brooklyn. He is called brother-in-law in the will of William Everett of Brooklyn on 6 December 1763; Everett had married his sister Phebe. On 6 June 1766 Samuel was a surety with his father on the marriage bond of his aunt Patience (Skidmore) Oakley to John Cornell. He was then called "a butcher of Kings County."

He was in serious financial difficulties in 1769 for Thomas Everett, also a butcher of Brooklyn, advertised to Samuel Skidmore's creditors to show cause why an assignment of his estate should not be made to Everett and Skidmore "be thereupon discharged." On 13 July 1770 Whitehead Skidmore, yeoman of Jamaica, gave a mortgage to Samuel Skidmore, butcher of Brooklyn, and to George Ryerson of Jamaica, for Whitehead's lands at Quarrelsome Neck and it was agreed "that Rierson before the last day of the term of July and August next may prosecute one or more writs against the said Samuel Skidmore returnable in the Supreme Court at New York."

He was a constable at Brooklyn in 1774 and was paid for his services in transporting several vagrants to New York City and Flatbush "where they belong."

Either he or his widow may have moved to New York City by 1779 for his two eldest daughters appear to have married at that place. His date of death is unknown, but he was dead by 3 January 1782 when his father's will states "that whereas my son Samuel is now already deceased it is my will and I do order that part of the division which should have befalling to him be equally divided among his children." On 3 September 1790 Sara Skidmore was a sponsor at the christening of Pierce Goold Small, a grandson no doubt, at St. Peter's Catholic Church at 18 Barclay Street, in New York City. Several later children of Edward Small were christened at Christ Episcopal Church in Manhattan.

No list of heirs of Samuel Skidmore has been found; he does not seem to have owned real property in either Queens or Kings Counties. Three of the four daughters listed below are certainly his, and we have added a fourth (Abigail) on circumstantial evidence.

Children:

i. Susanna, baptized 7 February 1762 at the First Presbyterian Church, Newtown. She was a witness on 14 October 1778 at Trinity Church, New York City, to the christening of Jane, a daughter of George and Margaret Monroe. She married Stephen

Hayden (1756-1836) on 19 May 1779 probably in New York City. They moved soon after their marriage to near Haydentown, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, where all nine of their children were born. In 1805 they moved to Ohio and were living in 1820 and 1830 in Oxford Township, Butler County, Ohio. He died there in 1836 aged 80.

ii. Mary, born 23 November 1762 (by computation from her age, possibly overstated, on her tombstone). She married David Dick (1746-1831) on 12 February 1779. On 10 October 1780 he is called "a blacksmith of New York City" and in April 1790 he was elected a fireman at Brooklyn, Long Island. They moved by 1800 to White Plains, Westchester County, New York; she died there 16 June 1854 aged 91 years, 6 months, and 23 days. They are buried in the Dick Family Cemetery in White Plains.

iii. Abigail. She married (by 1784) John Dougall of New York City; two sons were baptized at the First Presbyterian Church there soon after. They were living in the West Ward of New York City in the 1790 census, and in 1791 at 10 Mott Street.

iv. Catherine. She married (by 1798) Edward Goold Small. She was living in 1829 at 10 Clinton Street in New York City, his widow, with her son Wilson Small.

41. THOMAS[5] SKIDMORE, the son of John (no. 16) and Mary (Whitehead) Skidmore, was born at Jamaica, Queens County, Long Island, and died probably at Albany, New York, before the census of 1790. He married (1) Jane Wright on 12 March 1765, and (2) Mary _____, the widow of Samuel Lawrence, a coachmaker of New York City, on 12 December 1769. James Lawrence, a chairmaker, was bondsman for Thomas Skidmore on his second marriage. Mary Lawrence had renounced the administration on 7 July 1768 of her first husband in favor of Thomas Wright, coachmaker, a principal creditor, Francis Child being a witness to the renunciation. It would seem likely that this Thomas Wright was some kin of his first wife. Both of Thomas Skidmore's marriages were performed at the First Presbyterian Church in New York City and his three eldest children were christened there.

On 10 September 1767 Thomas Skidmore was a bondsman for Hezekiah Mills who was about to marry Mary Peters, a spinster, of Queens County.

Nothing has been learned of Thomas Skidmore's life in New York City other than the christening of his children there. He presumably had some trade or profession which does not appear. He went soon after 1770 to Albany where he was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of that place in 1785. He is not found as the head of a family in 1790 and was probably dead by that year.

Children: (First wife)

102. i. John, born 23 May 1766.
103. ii. George Harvey, born 10 July 1768.

(Second wife)

iii. Rachel, born 14 September 1770. She married Davis Hunt by whom she had three children baptized at the First Presbyterian Church, Albany. They were living in the First Ward, Albany, in 1800, and in the Third Ward, New York City, in 1820.
104. iv. Paul

42. DR. JOHN[5] SKIDMORE, the son of Thomas (no. 17) and Elizabeth (Molleston) Skidmore, was born in Murderkill Hundred, Kent County, Delaware, about 1726. He married (1) Mary, the daughter of John Fullerton, by a bond dated 2 May 1754, and (2) Mary, the daughter of Nathaniel Luff, and previously the widow of John Marim (who had died in 1755); her noncupative will was dated 24 January 1760 and was recorded a few days later on February 4th.

Dr. John Skidmore died in Misippillion Hundred before 24 February 1762 when the administration of his estate was given to his brother, Dr. Samuel Skidmore. The inventory "of the shop and medicines of Dr. John Skidmore late of Kent County" dated 16 April 1762 is a most interesting document for the medical historian and deserves publication; it lists the entire contents of an 18th century apothecary's shop. It is preserved at the Hall of Records, Dover. The inventory of John Skidmore, "Practitioner," with bonds, bills, and notes totaled £675 3sh 3d.

Dr. John Skidmore left no issue. According to a conveyance made on 16 July 1774 to Garrett Sipple (by Elizabeth the widow of his brother, Dr. Samuel Skidmore) Thomas Skidmore, the father, had died intestate leaving three sons John, Thomas, and Samuel. Of these John Skidmore had died intestate leaving no issue before a division had been made of his father's lands.

43.THOMAS[5] SKIDMORE, the son of Thomas (no. 17) and Elizabeth (Molleston) Skidmore, was born in Murderkill Hundred, Kent County, Delaware, after 1736, and died there before 25 May 1770. He married Hester, the daughter of Richard and Hester (_____) Banning; she married (2) John Fowler.

The administration on the estate of Thomas Skidmore, gentleman, was granted to his widow on 25 May 1770. On 27 August 1789 she and John Fowler petitioned the Orphan's Court of Kent County for the equal half part of the 200 acre plantation in Murderkill Hundred which Thomas Skid-

more had inherited from his great uncle of the same name, and her dower in this was ordered to be laid off by the court. Her petition states that "the said Thomas had no children by her the said Hester or any other person."

44. DR. SAMUEL[5] SKIDMORE, the son of Thomas (no. 17) and Elizabeth (Molleston) Skidmore, was born in Murderkill Hundred, Kent County, Delaware, after 1736, and died there before 13 May 1771. He married Elizabeth, the daughter of William Merony, Sr.; she married (2) David Caldwell and died in 1785 in Kent County.

His will calling himself "sick in body" is dated 15 April 1771 and was proved promptly thereafter on May 13th. He leaves three slaves and certain specified pieces of furniture to his daughter Mary. To his son Thomas he left five slaves (named), a clock, a desk, his watch, "all my physical books," and his medical instruments. Mary was left a plantation purchased from Thomas Collins, while Thomas was to have the land and plantation where he dwelled and also the plantation "which fell to me from my brother Thomas Skidmore deceased." To his wife Elizabeth he left a Negro couple, personal property (including his riding chair), and livestock. Thomas was "to be learned or taught the classics and bound an apprentice to a physician." Mary was to learn to cipher "as far as the double rule of three." If his wife died or married before the children came of age then his friend Phillip Barratt was to be their guardian. His wife Elizabeth was appointed executrix. An inventory of his estate totaled £1,235 3sh 2 3/4d.

Children:

i. Mary, living 1771.
105. ii. Thomas, born 1762.

45. JOHN[5] SKIDMORE, the son of Samuel (no. 18) and Mary (Gray) Skidmore, was born at Hempstead, Long Island, on 1 August 1740, and died at Jamaica, Long Island, a few days previous to 25 September 1778. He married Mary, a daughter of Amos and Mary (Ludlum) Denton on 26 November 1763. (It should be noted once again that Emily C. Hawley in her Skidmore family history of 1911 confused this couple with his cousin Major John J. Skidmore who also had a wife Mary.) Mary (Denton) Skidmore married (2) Abraham Ditmas on 2 March 1721. On 30 Mary 1821 John Baxter of Flatlands, Long Island, notes in his journal: "Last Sunday old Mrs. Ditmars mother of Mr Skidmore fell down stairs and much hurt." Her son's family Bible notes that she died soon after on 11 June 1821.

He voted for a deputy to the Provincial Congress (as John Skidmore, Jr.) on 31 March 1775 and again on 7 November 1775. He swore allegiance to George III on 21 October 1776.

He was buried in Grace Churchyard at Jamaica on 25 September 1778, and his widow was subsequently billed for the tolling of the bell on that day. The administration on the estate of John Scidmore, yeoman, of Jamaica, was given to his widow Mary on 19 April 1779. She gave a bond in the amount of £200, and Samuel Scidmore (her brother-in-law) was her surety.

There are only two children mentioned in the Bible belonging to this family, and of these the younger son John almost certainly died young. William, the elder son, appears to have been the sole heir to his father's lands. On 13 August 1794 William Skidmore of Newtown, miller, sold to Edward Barden of Jamaica, yeoman, 18 acres in Jamaica bounded by William Ludlam, John Roades, and Nicholas Smith's mill for £462 10 sh 0d. The witnesses were Abraham Ditmas and Aaron Van Nostrand. This was obviously a highly improved property to be worth this sum.

Children:

106. i. William, born 21 August 1764.
ii. John, born 29 June 1775. He was christened 13 August 1775 at the First Presbyterian Church, Jamaica. Nothing else is known.

46. SAMUEL[5] SKIDMORE, the son of Samuel (no. 18) and Mary (Gray) Skidmore, was born at Hempstead, Queens County, on 28 September 1743 and died at Black Stump, Flushing, Queens County, Long Island, on 29 April 1787 according to his family Bible. He married Abigail, the daughter of Benjamin and Elizbeth (Willett) Whitehead on 20 December 1764. She was born 12 February 1737 and died 26 February 1826 at Black Stump. They and several of their children are buried in Grace Churchyard, Jamaica.

He voted for a deputy to the Provincial Congress on 31 March 1775 and swore allegiance to George III on 21 October 1776. On 29 April 1781 he is named executor and called brother-in-law in the will of Sarah Whitehead, the widow of Joseph Horsfield of Jamaica.

On 22 September 1783 Samuel Skidmore of Flushing filed a claim for a wagon and two horses taken in August 1776 for the transportation of British baggage and stores and never returned to him. This was valued at £25. Also for 270 cords of wood cut in his woodland in the winter of 1781. He also produced a receipt for hay and six days of carting with his wagons and horses and Jacques Johnson and Daniel Nostrand gave depositions on a part of his claims. The claim for his wood was eventually disallowed as it had not been cut by authority "but by the wanton destruction of the soldiery."

Samuel Skidmore was an Assessor at Flushing in 1784. His will calls him of Fresh Meadows in Flushing; it was dated 28 December 1786 and probated at New York City on 11 June 1787. It mentions his wife Abigail, his

sons Willett and John, and his daughter Mary. His son John was "to be brought up to a good English education." John J. Skidmore was among the witnesses. Samuel Skidmore's estate appears on the Flushing tax list of 1788.

Mrs. Skidmore was billed 4sh for tolling the bell at Grace Church on 1 May 1787 on the day of his funeral. She survived him for many years, and subscribed £1 to the establishment of Union Hall Academy at Jamaica in 1791.

Children:

107. i. Captain Willett, born 6 October 1765.
ii. Mary, born about 1767. She married James Henderson (1756-1821) on 27 September 1786 at Trinity Church, New York City. She died at Jamaica before 31 March 1801 when he was appointed administrator of her estate. He died in Salisbury Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.
iii. Samuel, born about 1769. Died young.
iv. Benjamin Whitehead, born 7 January 1771, died 7 October 1776.
v. Ann Whitehead, born 22 June 1773, died 26 February 1776.
108. vi. John, born 27 December 1778.

47. ANDREW[5] SKIDMORE, was born in 1748 at Hempstead, Queens County, Long Island, the son of Andrew (no. 19) and Abigail (_____) Skidmore, and died in 1815 at Union Vale Township, Dutchess County, New York. He married Judith Rogers who was born 1746 and died in 1826 at Union Vale. They are buried in a private family cemetery near their home in Clove Valley.

His earmarks were recorded at Hempstead on 6 November 1769. He was a cordwainer by trade. As a young man he and his uncle Jeremiah Skidmore were interested in horse racing and are said to have kept a stable of fine horses at Great Neck, Long Island. Racing was the chief amusement of colonial Long Island; the track near Great Neck was on the plains near Jericho Turnpike and Manhassett Road. The racing season lasted for several days and the purses were for £50 or £100 for a two or four mile heat.

In 1775 he moved to Union Vale, New York, where he built a grist, saw, and fulling mill on Clove Creek which ran through his property. The mill was operated subsequently by his son James Skidmore and was still standing in 1897. The account book for the mill, 1802-1821, is in the library at Cornell University. His grandson Zophar R. Skidmore, built a fine house here in the Greek revival style about 1838.

Andrew Skidmore refused to sign the Association Oath at Beekman Precinct (which then included Union Vale) in July 1775. He served in the Fifth

Regiment of Dutchess County Militia near the end of the war. He probably did not see active service but was eligible for land bounty rights.

The will of Stephen Burtis of Beekmans Precinct, wheelright, was dated 10 November 1786. He named his wife Amy, her brother Robert Brush, and his cousin David Burtis as his executors; the witnesses were John Burtis, Andrew Skidmore, farmer, and Samuel Crandel.

He is enumerated for the last time in the census of 1810 at Beekman, Dutchess County, New York. In addition to his wife and family the return shows that he owned five horses, 12 cattle, and 30 sheep.

Andrew Skidmore's will is dated 19 June 1805 but was not probated until 18 May 1816, soon after his death. He is called a farmer and merchant, and he remembers his wife, his five children, and his granddaughter Judith. He left his "great Bible" to his wife Judith. His brother-in-law Benjamin Everett, his sons, and his daughter Phebe Haight were named executors.

Children:

i. Abigail, born about 1769. She married Richard Betts and lived at Broadalbin, Fulton County, New York.

109. ii. James, born 12 June 1771.

110. iii. Andrew, born about 1775.

iv. Mary, born 9 March 1779. She married John Rogers on 31 July 1796 and died at Beekman on 21 March 1856 "aged 77 years, 12 days."

v. Phebe, born 21 January 1785. She married Nicholas Haight (1777-____) in 1802 and died 25 December 1864 "aged 79 years, 11 months, 4 days."

48. SAMUEL[5] SKIDMORE, the son of Joseph (no. 20) and Mary (_____) Skidmore was born at Hempstead, Queens County, Long Island, on 3 December 1735, and died at the same place before 2 November 1762. He married on 7 August 1759 Jane, a daughter of Dr. Charles and Jane (Denton) Peters. She was born 5 July 1740 and died 6 July 1793. She married (2) Ephraim Bayles (1733-1816) of Springfield, Long Island, on 10 February 1764 by whom she had other children.

Samuel Skidmore was a house carpenter at Hungry Harbor in Hempstead.

His will is dated 21 September 1762 "sick and weak in body." To his wife he left personal property including half a dozen silver spoons and six of his best chairs. All the rest of his estate including his house and lands was to be sold and the money lent out at interest. When his daughter arrived at the age of 18 the money was to be divided between his wife and daughter. If his daughter died without issue then the money was to be divided among his wife and Nathan, Walter, Joseph, and

Mary Skidmore, his brothers and sister. His wife, her father Charles Peters, and his father Joseph Skidmore (or any two of them) were to be executors. The will was probated 1762.

His daughter Susanna was also remembered in the will of her grandfather Skidmore on 8 September 1779. There she was left a legacy of £110 as well as his best pair of hand irons.

Child:

i. Susanna, born about 1761. She married Daniel Lefferts (1758-1810) on 13 July 1782.

49. NATHAN O.[5] SKIDMORE, the son of Joseph (no. 20) and Mary (_____) Skidmore, was born 15 July 1738 at Hempstead, Queens County, Long Island, and died there before 11 July 1787. He married Sarah, daughter of Samuel and Esther (Wickes) Smith of Huntington, Suffolk County, Long Island, on 5 November 1765 at the First Church, Huntington. She was baptized on 17 December 1738 at Huntington, and was living as late as 19 May 1798.

On 8 September 1779 the will of Joseph Skidmore remembers his grandchildren Samuel, Walter, William, and Limon Potter, the four (eldest) children of his son Nathan; they were to have £15 each as they came of age. Nathan had four younger children after this will was written, and of these the last two are probably the John and Jane Skidmore received as members of the First Reformed Dutch Church at Jamaica in 1807.

Nathan Skidmore did not vote for a deputy to the Provincial Congress in 1775, but swore allegiance to George III on 21 October 1776. He was well-known as a Tory throughout the Revolution at South Hempstead. On 21 December 1775 his name appears on a list of disaffected persons (to the American cause) who were suspected of having been armed from the British ship-of-war Asia with a great quantity of ammunition, some small arms, and a cannon. All of this had been landed at Rockaway, Long Island, early in the war to supply the loyalists living there.

He was a witness to the will of Michael De Mott on 25 September 1782 at Hempstead. The administration on the estate of Nathan Skidmore, yeoman of South Hempstead, was granted on 11 July 1787 to his brothers Walter and Joseph Skidmore as his widow had renounced her right to administer. She was living as late as 19 May 1798 when John Baxter of Flatlands notes in his diary that he "wrote a will for Sarah Skidmore." It was never probated and is now completely lost.

Children:

111. i. Samuel, born 19 November 1766.

112. ii. Walter, born 4 May 1769.
113. iii. William Williams, baptized 27 October 1771.
114. iv. Lyman Potter, born about 1775.
v. Mary, baptized 18 March 1777. She married _____ _____, whose name is completely unknown but by whom she had a daughter Sara Maria. She was dead by 3 March 1818 when Sara Maria is mentioned in the will of David Smith of Brooklyn, her uncle.
115. vi. Joseph, born about 1779.
116. vii. John, born about 1783.
viii. Jane, born about 1785. She married Isaac Selover; several of their children were christened at the First Reformed Dutch Church at Jamaica.

50. WALTER[5] SKIDMORE, was born 26 June 1744 at Hempstead, Queens County, Long Island, the son of Joseph (no. 20) and Mary (_____) Skidmore, and died at the same place before 30 April 1804. He married Catherine, the youngest daughter of John and Mary (Carman) Wood on 3 February 1770; she was born 4 May 1738 and survived him. She is doubtless the Mrs. Catherine Skidmore of North Hempstead who died 20 March 1807 and is buried in the cemetery at Springfield, Long Island.

He was a miller at Hempstead and was undoubtedly named for the Reverend Walter Wilmot, the popular minister of the Presbyterian Church at Jamaica.

Walter Skidmore swore allegiance to George III on 21 October 1776 and apparently remained a loyalist throughout the American Revolution. He was appointed an assessor at Hempstead in 1783 as Walter Scudamore, the last appearance yet found of this spelling of the surname among the posterity of Thomas Scudamore (Skidmore) of Westerleigh, Gloucesterhire.

His will is dated 16 October 1802 and was probated 30 April 1804. It remembers his wife Catherine, his daughter Mary, and her husband Timothy Smith. His brother Joseph Skidmore, his son-in-law Timothy Smith, and Sylvanus Smith were appointed his executors.

Child:

i. Mary, born 5 April 1771. She married Timothy Smith on 21 January 1792 at St. George's Hempstead, and was buried in the churchyard there on 20 March 1846 aged 75 years, 11 months, and 15 days.

51. CAPTAIN JOSEPH[5] SKIDMORE, the son of Joseph (no. 20) and Mary (_____) Skidmore, was born 20 April 1747 at Hempstead, Suffolk County, Long Island, and died there on 5 March 1812 aged 64. He married (1) _____, the daughter of Abiathar Rhodes, the mother of his ten

eldest children, and (2) Letitia, the daughter of Henry and Herodia (Mott) Higby, on 30 April 1797. She was born about 1774 and died 30 May 1857 (aged 89 according to her tombstone). She and her husband are buried in the Springfield Cemetery.

Joseph Skidmore acknowledged allegiance to George III on 21 October 1776, and remained a loyalist during the whole of the war. On 21 September 1783 he was named an executor of the will of Benjamin Cornwell of Hempstead. In the same year he was an Overseer of Highways at Hempstead, and in 1786 he was appointed Captain of Company No. 8 in the South Hempstead Militia. He resigned this commission in 1796.

The administration on his estate was given to the widow Letitia and his son-in-law William Cornell on 20 March 1812. His widow was living in the 1850 census at South Hempstead, aged 78, with her daughter Rhoda Wright.

Children: (First wife)

117. i. Joseph, born about 1772.
118. ii. William, born about 1774.
iii. Hannah, baptized 11 January 1777. Probably died young.
iv. Nellie, baptized 4 October 1778. She married William Cornell on 10 February 1798. After her death he married (2) Sarah Barton on 3 April 1827 at Hempstead.
119. v. Abiathar
vi. Susanna, baptized 27 April 1783. She married (1) James Higby of Springfield on 4 September 1800; he died in 1805, and (2) Anson Higby (brother of the wife of her brother Abiathar) on 30 January 1814. She died 6 May 1840 "in her 58th year" at Jamaica, Long Island.
120. vii. Samuel, born about 1785.
121. viii. Jonah
ix. Sarah, born about 1791. She married Abraham C. Rapelyea; they were living in 1830 at Newtown, Queens County, Long Island.
x. Elizabeth, born about 1785. She married Jacob Foster, a butcher, and lived at Springfield, Queens County, Long Island.

(Second wife)

122. xi. Jeremiah, born 23 March 1798.
xii. Rhoda, born about 1800. She married Nathaniel Wright of South Hempstead, Long Island. She died 24 January 1887 aged 87.

52. JOSEPH[5] SKIDMORE, the son of Joseph (no. 22) and Agnes (Caldwell) Skidmore, was born in Murderkill Hundred, Kent County, Delaware, about

1730 and died in Pendleton County, (West) Virginia before 6 February 1810. He married Elizabeth, probably the daughter of John Phares (Faris) of Rockingham County, Virginia. She survived him and appears as the head of a household in the 1810 census of Pendleton County. He and his wife and doubtless a part of their children are buried in a private cemetery a few yards east of Route 220 on the east side of South Branch about 4 1/2 miles north of Franklin. There are about a dozen unmarked graves here. The cemetery, on his home place near Byrd's Mills, was owned in 1977 by Mrs. Marvin Hammer. It is possible that his parents are also buried there.

Joseph Skidmore was a soldier in the French and Indian War and his name appears on an act dated 14 September 1758 to pay the militia of Augusta County "lately drawn out in actual service for the defense and protection of the frontiers of the colony."

On 29 May 1761 he purchased 203 acres on the South Branch of the Potomac River from the heirs of Robert Green for £50. Later in the same year he divided this tract selling 102 acres to Gabriel Coil (his brother-in-law) and the remainder to his brother John Skidmore. The original copy of this last deed was in 1957 framed and on display in the museum attached to the Melrose Caverns near Harrisonburg, Virginia.

His first survey was made on 30 April 1762 for 50 acres on the South Branch adjoining George Caplinger's near what is now Byrd's Mills. This tract, with additions, about 4 1/2 miles northeast of Franklin, was his home until his death in 1810. He was a land speculator in a small way, and acquired several other tracts in what are now Pendleton and Highland Counties.

He was appointed a Processioner together with his brother-in-law Jonas Friend on 21 November 1767. Virginia law required that every four years the boundaries of every tract be paced off by a committee of processioners appointed by the vestry of the local Anglican church.

Joseph Skidmore entered a claim at the Rockingham County Court on 5 May 1779 for the use of one horse by the Revolutionary army for nine days at 1sh 6d per day.

One of the very first items of business to come before the justices of the new Pendleton County Court on 7 July 1788 was the statement taken from his mother on 7 July 1788 that "Joseph Skidmore, Jr., was proved to be the eldest son and heir to Joseph Skidmore, Sr., deceased, by the oath of Annis Skidmore, his mother, which is ordered to be certified." The reason for placing this on the record some ten years after his father's death is not apparent. Later in the same year he served on the first Grand Jury impanelled in the new county.

His will was dated 20 October 1806 and was probated on 6 February 1810. His son James gave bond of $1000 as administrator on 6 March 1810, and

an appraisal of the estate was made on March 31st. The will gave to his wife her wearing apparel, her bed, a spinning wheel, as well as their house and its furniture. His son James, the executor, was to "find her in sufficient meat and drink during her lifetime." James Skidmore was left his father's tools and the plantation "that I live on" as well as another tract adjoining it to the south. He was to pay each of his sisters £10 at annual intervals beginning with Caty Fisher, the eldest. His lands in the Buffalo Hills were to be sold and £100 paid to each of his daughters from the money realized, with the remainder to be divided among his sons Samuel and Joseph Skidmore. His daughters Sarah and Barbara and his granddaughter Mina (Jemina) were each to have one cow.

Most of the Skidmores of the next generation left Pendleton County, but his son James remained and left a posterity still prominent in the area.

One other early court case should be noted. On 7 September 1789 a suit "Veneman vs. Faris" was tried in Pendleton County. Elizabeth Skidmore entered one day's attendance for the defendant Faris (Phares) who was doubtless a kinsman. Mr. Andrew Johnson was "Sum^{d} by Deff^{t} two Days D^{o}" but nothing else has been learned of the pleadings in the suit. Andrew Johnson, who will be noticed further when we consider Andrew Skidmore (no. 58), was probably also related to the defendant his mother is said to have been Margaret Phares. All of this tends to confirm the hearsay accounts of these families.

Children:

i. Richard, born about 1760. He was living 6 November 1777 when he signed a petition. Nothing else is known.

123. ii. Samuel, born about 1764.

iii. Catherine, born about 1766. She married Jacob Fisher, a Revolutionary soldier. They settled at Holly, in what is now Braxton County, (West) Virginia, where she died 16 November 1850.

124. iv. John

v. Ann, born about 1770. She was living unmarried on 5 April 1790; she perhaps died before her father as she is not remembered in his will.

vi. Elizabeth, born 8 March 1775. She married David Hall (1770-1830) on 31 January 1798. They moved to Marietta, Washington County, Ohio, where she died 9 June 1844.

vii. Sarah, born 3 February 1777. She married Henry Robinson in 1810. They moved to Holly, Braxton County, (West) Virginia, where she died 15 November 1854 aged 77 years, 9 months 12 days.

viii. Barbara, born about 1779. She was living unmarried on 20 October 1806.

125. ix. Joseph, born about 1781.

126. x. James, born about 1783.

53. JAMES[5] SKIDMORE, the son of Joseph (no. 20) and Agnes (Caldwell) Skidmore, was born in Murderkill Hundred, Kent County, Delaware, and died in Botetourt County, Virginia, in or before December 1807. He married Sarah, a daughter of Randolph and Janet (_____) McDonald of Rockingham County, Virginia, about 1758; she was living as late as 17 February 1816, his widow, in Botetourt County.

He served in the French and Indian War with his brothers Joseph and John in the company commanded by Captain Abraham Smith. He and John Skidmore took an inventory of Smith's estate on 25 August 1769.

His wife, together with her three older sisters, were co-heiresses to their brother Randolph McDonald (1731-1757) who had died in Rockingham County, Virginia. In 1765 James Skidmore joined in a suit with the husbands of the three sisters-in-law against John Stewart who had purchased a slave from their mother-in-law, Janet McDonald, the administrator of her son's estate.

James Skidmore appears in 1766 on a list of tithables in what is now Botetourt County. On 20 May 1768 he purchased 88 acres on the James River near Jenning's Creek for £55, and on 9 November 1779 he bought a plantation of 123 acres on the south side of the James River from Samuel and Isabella McNabb. On 26 February 1781 he and his wife sold their 1/4 interest in 200 acres on Cook's Creek in Rockingham County, Virginia, formerly belonging to Randolph McDonald, to Patrick Quine who had married Jane McDonald and thus already had a 1/4 interest in her right.

He filed a claim in Botetourt County under the Commissary Provision Law of 1782 and a certificate was issued to him for the payment of 468 lbs of beef furnished to the Revolutionary Army on 14 February 1782.

On 14 August 1783 he was appointed Surveyor of the Roads for Botetourt County. The tithables of the county were to work under him "when required to keep the same in repair as the law directs." In the same year he is found on a tax list in the company of Captain Cartmill which included the community about the forks of the James River. He was taxed on seven horses, 25 head of cattle, and two tithables. He purchased an additional 60 acres on the James River for £55 from George Wilson on 12 September 1786. This land descended to his son Randolph Skidmore who operated Skidmore's Ferry here for many years. The ferry was authorized by a special bill in the Virginia Assembly on 12 January 1804 for the benefit of Randolph Skidmore.

James Skidmore died late in the year 1807 at his home in the east end of Botetourt County about a mile north of the James River and near a little Chesapeake and Ohio railway station named Rocky Point. His will was dated 1 May 1802 and directed that his wife was to have the dwelling and all his furniture during her lifetime. His daughter Ann was apparently in poor health for "I give and appoint a maintenance out of my lands and

stock during my widow's life and if my daughter Ann should survive her mother my will is that one hundred and fifty pounds out of my estate shall be lodged in the hands of my executors for my said daughter's use." His estate was to be divided at his wife's death (or during her lifetime with her full consent) among his children Joseph, John, Randolph, James, and Sarah Skidmore. Randolph was to have £25 and James £15 in addition to their equal shares. His sons Joseph and Randolph were appointed executors, and the will was proved at the December court of 1807. An inventory of £109 was recorded in the following October; it included a pair of fire dogs, a looking glass, and a sword among the more novel items.

All of his sons except Randolph Skidmore went to Kentucky. Joseph and James Skidmore and their wives returned a deed to Botetourt County on 17 February 1816 from Lincoln County, Kentucky, selling their interest in the house and land of their father where "his widow now lives." John Skidmore was living in Barren County, Kentucky, when he signed a similar deed on 26 January 1813.

Children:

127. i. Joseph, born 31 July 1761.
128. ii. John, born about 1763.
129. iii. Randolph, born about 1767.
iv. Ann, a spinster, probably still living in 1810.
v. Sarah, born 1772. She married Robert Montgomery (1760-1847) on 23 November 1796. They had moved (by 1825) to Paint Township, Highland County, Ohio. She died 20 December 1847 and is buried in Fall Creek Cemetery in that county.
130. vi. James, born about 1774.

54. CAPTAIN JOHN[5] SKIDMORE, the son of Joseph (no. 22) and Agnes (Caldwell) Skidmore, was born at a place remembered as Little York in Kent County, Delaware, and died 12 October 1809 in Pendleton County, (West) Virginia, at the age of 73. He married, about 1760, Mary Magdalena (Polly), the daughter of John Justus and Magdalena (Eschmann) Hinkle. She was born in Pennsylvania on 1 February 1743, and died 18 October 1829 in Pendleton County. Both are buried on a hill overlooking the site of their home three miles north of Ruddle, east of Route 220, on the east side of the South Branch. Captain John's home place was owned in 1977 by Walter B. Smith.

After the defeat of Braddock's army in 1755 the militia of Augusta, Frederick, and Hampshire Counties was called out to protect the border. John Skidmore and his two elder brothers both served in the French and Indian War as the payrolls show. In 1767 John Skidmore was appointed a Captain in the same Augusta County Militia.

At the time of his marriage John Skidmore settled on the North Fork of

the South Branch of the Potomac about two miles from the Mouth of the Seneca. This was not far from Hinkle Fort built by his father-in-law "Yost" Hinkle and his four sons during the French and Indian War.

John Skidmore was recommended by the Augusta County Court (which then included what was to become Pendleton County) to Lord Dunmore to serve as Gentleman Justice of the county. His commission was duly returned from Williamsburg, and he went to Staunton on 18 May 1773 to be sworn into office.

His company was called out in 1774, and it served with distinction at the Battle of Point Pleasant - the chief event in what is now called Dunmore's War. The call went out in late July and about five weeks were spent in filling out the companies and in securing provisions. Henry Mauk, who served under Captain Skidmore, reported that he was put to work making pack saddles to carry the supplies of the army across the mountains. Skidmore's company left what is now Pendleton County on 1 August 1774 and arrived at Camp Union (presently Lewisburg, West Virginia) on the 10th where they rendezvoused with units from Botetourt and Fincastle Counties and from the tidewater. On 22 September 1774 the army under Colonel Andrew Lewis had advanced to what is now Charleston where they halted long enough to build canoes to float their supplies down the Kanawha River. A return taken of the Augusta companies at a camp on the Elk River on 27 September 1774 shows that Captain Skidmore's company consisting of himself, a lieutenant, an ensign, three sergeants, and 32 rank and file were all fit for duty. On the 30th they resumed the march up the Kanawha and arrived on October 6th at a point on the Ohio River, now Point Pleasant, where they camped for the night.

Early in the morning of October 10th two men came running into camp with the intelligence that a large party of Indians was scarcely two miles up the Ohio. The drums beat the sleepy army to arms and 300 of the men were divided into two columns and paraded out to meet the enemy. The two lines marched about 200 yards apart and had only advanced about half a mile when the Indians attacked. The men broke ranks and took shelter behind the trees. Colonel Charles Lewis (in a bright red waistcoat) fell mortally wounded almost at once. Reinforcements were sent from the camp and the engagement wore down to a series of skirmishes that lasted the rest of the day. Eventually the company of Captain Skidmore was pocketed in between the Ohio and Kanawha Rivers and Crooked Creek with no apparent avenue of escape.

Late in life Captain John Skidmore told his grandson Archibald Taylor of the considerable gallantry of Captain Mathew Arbuckle which was, perhaps, the turning point of the battle. Towards sunset Arbuckle with volunteers from the field jumped Crooked Creek and keeping under the high bank of the Kanawha marched single file to the rear of the Indians. Just before Arbuckle was in position Captain Skidmore was shot a second time and his company gave way. He called to them that he was not dead and to stand firm. As his men made a charge to secure him the flanking

detail of Arbuckle opened fire and the Indians retreated. Andrew Skidmore, who served under his brother at Point Pleasant, gave much of the same account of Arbuckle's strategy. Soon afterwards the Indians made a final retreat across the Ohio taking their dead and wounded with them. The Virginians had lost 46 dead and 80 wounded - a fifth of their number.

News of the victory did not reach Williamsburg for several weeks. A dispatch from the camp was published in the Virginia Gazette on 10 November 1774 and it lists Captain Skidmore among the wounded. He was hit by two bullets that day. The first passed through the calf of his leg and did no great harm. The second, late in the day, hit him in the hip and passed through his body missing any vital organ. It lodged in his clothes on the other side; "caught in the waistband of his trousers" as it was later put.

The American Revolution followed Dunmore's War with scarcely a breather for the Virginia troops; the battle of Point Pleasant is frequently called the first battle of the Revolution. During the Revolution the function of the militia in the western counties of Virginia was largely defensive. They were assigned the job of protecting the frontier from the Indians (now allied with the British) freeing the Continental Army for more important business.

Several of the men who served under Captain Skidmore during the American Revolution applied for pensions as old men and their statements at that time are our best source of information on his company during the war. John Mace, who lived later in Lewis County, states that he was enrolled in May 1777 under Captain Skidmore to go to the relief of the settlers in what is now Randolph County. The company marched to Westfall's Fort in the Tygart's Valley where they were based while spying and ranging throughout the West Augusta area in search of Indians and buying beef for the Army. Isaac Hinkle, a brother-in-law of Captain Skidmore, served as a lieutenant and Samuel Skidmore, his brother, served as an ensign on this expedition. In December the danger had abated (the Indians were usually quiet during the winter) and the company was discharged. No muster rolls survive from this period, but the paymaster at the new capital at Richmond lists a sum of over £350 as having been sent to Captain Skidmore in 1777 for the pay of his men.

During the lull following Burgoyne's surrender the new county of Rockingham was formed. Captain Skidmore lived in the jurisdiction of the new county and was appointed by Governor Patrick Henry to served as one of the original justices of the Rockingham County Court. He was not present to qualify for the court for well over the first year of its existence, being absent on military business. This did not prevent the court from nominating him to serve as High Sheriff of the county. At the same session he was recommended as Major in the Rockingham Militia. However before his commission had been returned from Governor Henry he had declined to serve and his resignation (as Major) was read into the

order books on 25 May 1778.

By the summer of 1780 he was back home and taking an active share of the work of running Rockingham County. In November the court allowed him his pay in tobacco for taking John Davis to the public jail in Richmond (going and coming 340 miles) which in the inflated currency of the day amounted to $400 including a day's attendance at Richmond. Davis, who lived on the South Branch, had been judged guilty of treason at a special session of the Rockingham Court. As the county courts could not pronounce on cases in which the death sentence might be invoked Davis was sent to Richmond for sentencing.

In 1788 John Skidmore came to full stature politically. Pendleton County was now judged populous enough to warrant forming a new county and court, and it was accordingly struck off from Rockingham. Of the eleven justices appointed to the new commission nearly half were closely related to the Skidmores. They included his son James, his brother-in-law Isaac Hinkle, his nephew Moses Hinkle, and himself. Not surprisingly, the new court promptly elected him their President.

The first test of strength of the Skidmore faction came at the first session of the court, sitting for the time being in a barn belonging to Seriah Stratton near the present crossroads at Ruddle. In the matter of a clerk for the new county the Skidmores preferred Gavin Hamilton who had married the younger sister of Captain John. Hamilton was a man of many talents who had made a spectacular rise in Rockingham County where he had served as a Justice, Deputy Sheriff, Vestryman of the parish, Escheator, Commissioner of Land Tax, and had risen as high as Lieutenant Colonel in the militia during the Revolution. In addition he produced a certificate from the President and Masters of William and Mary College as a surveyor and had run the original lines when Rockingham County was formed. During the war he had done a tour of duty at Norfolk under General Muhlenberg in 1781 and had represented the county in th House of Delegates at Richmond from 1785 to 1787.

Despite what would seem to be ample qualifications and his Whiggish reputation a part of the justices were opposed to his appointment, perhaps because he did not then live within the confines of the new county. But after a spirited battle he was appointed and ordered to purchase a county seal and blank record books.

On 8 July 1788 John Skidmore (and two others) were appointed to let out contracts for the building of a courthouse and a jail. These were not finished by winter and when the weather turned cold "the court by reason of the inconvenience of sitting in the barn of Francis Evick adjourned to the house of Gavin Hamilton in the town of Frankford." (Frankford was late renamed Franklin.)

Hamilton continued to be a thorny problem for the justices. In June 1790 he introduced a motion that a deputy clerk be appointed, but this

was denied. Soon after the justices (or some part of them) tried to remove him from office. On 8 August 1790 James Monroe (later President) sent a letter to James Lyle, Clerk of the District Court sitting at Staunton, relative to the matter. Monroe says that some of his Acts of the Assembly are loaned out, but he suggests that Lyle send a notice to Gavin Hamilton stating the charges against him and citing him to appear and answer them. The case was heard at Staunton in September and apparently Hamilton was vindicated for he remained as clerk until May 1796 in Pendleton County when he appears to have retired voluntarily.

John Skidmore served the county for several years including two terms as High Sheriff. In 1789 he was elected Overseer of the Poor; this was the only county office which was elective.

He had moved back to the South Branch about 1771 settling on the east side of the river about 12 miles north of the county seat. Here he built a fine brick house which, with several additions and adjoining tracts, he devised jointly at his death to his son Isaac and his daughter Edith. The house was torn down late in last century by its owner who held a once-common opinion that brick houses were unhealthy. The foundations can still be traced about 30 yards southeast of the Victorian frame house which replaced it currently owned by Walter B. Smith. There were the usual out-buildings of which only the site of the spring house now appears.

His wife survived him by some twenty years; she was blind for much of this time. The "home place" descended to his son Isaac who left no issue, and thence to his widow. At her remarriage Virginia law provided that 2/3 of her late husband's property should revert to his brothers and sisters. After a bitter fight in the courts 2/3 of the plantation was set off and divided among the Skidmore heirs. The third set off for the widow included the house and family graveyard and her second husband in a fit of pique is said to have torn out all of the tombstones and used them to build a dike to keep the South Branch within bounds in high water. The dike has since washed away but old residents recalled reading the stones on walks along the river. The grave of Captain John Skidmore has recently been remarked by the War Department. His son Isaac is also buried there and there are about 15 other unmarked graves.

At the time of his death he had an immense amount of land in what are now Pendleton, Hardy, and Highland Counties. His will, dated a little less than a month before his death, first insured the welfare of his widow who was to have the home place and all the movables on it during her lifetime. The rest of this very long document is given over to a just division of his lands and property among his 13 surviving children. A letter survives from Reverend Moses Hinkle to his brother Reverend Paul Hinkle dated 13 October 1809, in which he reports "Our old Uncle John Skidmore lyeth very sick." John Skidmore had died the day before unknown to Reverend Hinkle.

Some fanciful legends of Captain Skidmore's prowess as an Indian fighter have come down to us. He is said on one occasion to have killed an Indian in single combat, and this much may be true. He did not bear any grudge against the Indian despite the hurt that he had suffered at their hands at Point Pleasant. His daughter Susanna Harper set down in 1865 a history of the Skidmore family extending back to their days in Delaware. She writes of the Indians coming to her father's house to beg, and says that none were ever turned away. One she recalled particularly; he motioned for her mother to heap up the milk she was pouring for him in a pan. The impossibility of "heaping up" milk struck the children of the house as extremely funny.

Children:

i. A son, born about 1761, died soon after birth unnamed.

131. ii. Captain James, born about 1763.

iii. Phebe, born 22 October 1765. She married Alexander Taylor (1762-1835) in 1791. They removed to Salem Township, Champaign County, Ohio, where she died in September 1824. They are buried five miles east of Urbana, Ohio, in a private cemetery on Route 54.

132. iv. Reverend John, born about 1767.

v. Ezekiel, born about 1769. Died aged two of whooping cough.

133. vi. Elijah, born 9 January 1773.

vii. Nancy, born 10 January 1775. She married Reverend John George Dahmer (1775-1842), a widower, on 20 November 1810. He was born in Baden, Germany. She died in Pendleton County on 10 July 1856. They are buried in the Dahmer Cemetery near Kline.

viii. Hannah, born about 1776. She married Charles Rogers (1774-1849) in 1796. He was born in Londonderry, Ireland, and migrated to Virginia in 1794. They moved in 1810 to the mouth of the Little Otter in what is now Braxton County, and in 1831 to Wallback, Clay County, (West) Virginia. She died there in 1847; they are buried in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery at that place.

134. ix. Andrew, born 10 May 1779.

135. x. Isaac, born 31 May 1781.

136. xi. Levi, born about 1783.

xii. Mary, born 1785. She married Adam Lough (1784-___) and was living on 20 November 1854 in Braxton County.

xiii. Rachel, born 1787. Never married. She died in 1849 and is buried in the Ward Cemetery at Kline in Pendleton County near her son William Ward (1805-1895). Her will was proved on 3 January 1850 and named her son as her only heir.

xiv. Susanna, born 4 June 1788. She married Nicholas Harper (1790-1851), a widower, on 30 September 1819. She died 1 April 1868 in Pendleton County.

xv. Edith, born 15 September 1789. She married Robert Chenoweth (1782-1862), a widower, in 1811. They were living in Brax-

ton County in 1850. She died in Roane County, (West) Virginia, on 17 November 1857.

55. EDWARD[5] SKIDMORE, the son of Joseph (no. 20) and Agnes (Caldwell) Skidmore, was born in Murderkill Hundred, Kent County, Delaware, about 1737, and died in what is now Nelson County, Kentucky, before 6 August 1783. He married Deborah _____ who may have been a sister of Benjamin Cleaver.

Soon after his birth his parents left for western Maryland. The young Edward was either left behind with relatives or returned to Delaware as a young man. He enlisted in Kent County on 29 April 1758 in the company of Captain Benjamin Noxon for service in the French and Indian War. He was, according to the muster roll, aged 21, a native of Delaware, and a laborer. On 29 July 1769 he bought a lot on the northwest side of Ball Street at Duck Creek Crossroads (now Smyrna) from Samuel Ball, a merchant of Duck Creek Hundred, and William Ball, a silversmith from Philadelphia. He paid £40 for the lot and is styled a waggoner on the deed.

In 1775 he joined his family in Virginia bringing with him from Duck Creek Hundred William Cleaver, Joseph Donoho, and perhaps Jesse Hamilton. These four young men together with Jonas Friend (who had married Sarah Skidmore) settled in the year following in the Tygart's River Valley in what is now Randolph County, West Virginia.

Jonas Friend deserves some further notice. He had joined Joseph Skidmore (no. 22) on one of his two trips south through the gap at Harper's Ferry. He had married Sarah Skidmore by 9 September 1754 when they sold to Simeon Rice the land that Jonas inherited from his father in Frederick County, Virginia. In this deed Jonas and Sarah Friend are called "late of Frederick County in the colony of Virginia but now of Augusta County." His brother Jacob Friend later married Sarah's sister Elizabeth Skidmore.

Jonas Friend was a sergeant in the French and Indian War and was also employed as a carpenter in the rebuilding of Fort Seybert after the massacre there. On 22 May 1776 the Friends sold their land in Pendleton County and probably moved in the same year to what is now Randolph County. The four settlers fresh from Delaware (assuming that Hamilton was from Duck Creek Hundred as well) entered into a partnership with Jonas Friend and the five purchased 1000 acres in Randolph County, a part of a warrant which James Walker had obtained for 3000 acres. Jonas Friend, his son Joseph, and probably Edward Skidmore and the other partners promptly built Friend's Fort here at the mouth of Leading Creek. It was undoubtedly similiar to Fort Seybert which Jonas had helped rebuild. The site of the fort has been marked by the John Hart Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, but it was probably not built as early as 1772 as the marker states.

On 15 October 1776 the inhabitants of the Tygart's Valley, Edward Skidmore and Jonas Friend among them, signed a petition to the House of Delegates asking that three companies of rangers be stationed in the valley. According to their petition they numbered about 150 families spread over 50 miles of the valley and about 80 miles from any relief in case of an emergency. On 16 September 1775 Jonas Friend was appointed a Gentleman Justice for Augusta County and he and Colonel Benjamin Wilson became the only two representatives of law and government west of the Alleganies.

One incident at Friend's Fort will suffice to show the perils of the time. On an evening in April 1781 Alexander West, a neighbor, was visiting the fort. He and Jonas were sitting outside the fort when West saw what he thought was an Indian in the shadows. He started for his gun but Jonas Friend stopped him saying the figure in the dark was probably one of his "yaller boys." Both West and Friend had fierce dogs, and not altogether certain of the identity of the figure, the dogs were set loose. But they flew at one another and the intruder vanished into the forest. The day following an Indian raiding party descended on the community and killed three of five men returning from the settlement which is now Clarksburg. From there they moved to Leading Creek where they destroyed most of a colony of six families taking three prisoners. There was little doubt that West had seen a scout from the raiding party and Jonas Friend condemned himself bitterly for not letting West act on his impulse to alarm the settlers.

Edward Skidmore and the Cleavers (who may have been allied by marriage) left Virginia soon after the Leading Creek massacre going to what is now Nelson County, Kentucky. On 24 June 1782 he was drafted there as a sergeant in the company of Captain James Davis to assist in the construction of Fort Nelson at what is now Louisville, Kentucky. He was stationed there until July 13th when he was paid and discharged.

His will is dated a few months later on 17 October 1782. He was then "in a weak and low state of body." He left all of his worldly affairs to his wife Deborah. Excepted only was my "rifle gun, powder horn and pouch" which were to be kept for his son Benjamin. Edward Skidmore seems to have died soon after this date, although his will was not recorded in Jefferson County (which then included Nelson) until 6 August 1783. Previous to the recording of the will his widow had traveled to Louisville to enter 400 acres of land that Edward Skidmore had a warrant for on the south side of Beech Fork beginning at the east corner of James Nalls' survey.

Nothing further has been learned of his widow. Neither she nor his sons ever appear to have sold the Beech Fork tract.

Children:

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137. i. Benjamin
ii. Elizabeth, married William Burnett on 30 June in Nelson County, Kentucky. She was then of full age as the marriage bond states.
138. iii. James

56. THOMAS[5] SKIDMORE, the son of Joseph (no. 22) and Agnes (Caldwell) Skidmore, was born probably in what is now Washington County, Maryland, and died in Randolph County, (West) Virginia, before 28 September 1807. He married Eleanor (Nelly) _____ who may have been a sister of Gavin Hamilton. She was living in Randolph County as late as the census of 1830 aged then almost 80.

Thomas Skidmore purchased two tracts of land in Pendleton County in 1772 about the time of his marriage, one from his brother Joseph and another from his father. The second of these was deeded to him on 16 August 1772 for £10 (hardly a realistic price) and included 97 acres on the North Fork called Little Walnut Bottom. Presumably he lived here briefly, but by 1776 he had left to join the settlement in the Tygart's River Valley near the present town of Elkins. On 24 November 1777 he entered 300 acres on the west side of the Tygart's River below and adjoining 400 acres entered on the same day by his brother Andrew Skidmore.

His removal could scarcely been more ill-timed for 1777 was long remembered on the frontier as "the bloody year of the three sevens." His older brother John Skidmore, had been sent out from Pendleton County with a company of rangers to try and protect the new community, and Thomas Skidmore seems to have retreated for a time back to the South Branch.

On 1 June 1782 he perfected his title to this land (on a survey it had shrunk to 288 acres) and in 1784 he acquired another 102 acres on Leading Creek. He still does not seem to have made a permanent settlement there, however, for he appears in 1784 on a tax list taken on the South Branch where he headed a family of seven white souls.

Soon after Randolph County was formed it was ordered on 28 September 1789 "that the highway from Thomas Skidmore's plantation up Leading Creek to the foot of the mountain be reviewed." On 23 November 1789 he and his brother Andrew were both called to serve on the first Grand Jury in the new county.

In 1789 he sold Little Walnut Bottom to Moses Hinkle and the Pendleton County Court ordered that a dedimus be taken "to Randolph County for the private examination of the said Scidmore's wife." The deposition of Eleanor Skidmore surrendering her dower was returned to the court in November and duly recorded. His other land in Pendleton County was kept until 1801 when he sold it to his nephew Samuel who was then of Greene

County, Georgia.

Thomas Skidmore died in Randolph County before 28 September 1807 when his widow and her son Thomas gave bond to administer the estate. The appraisal was taken on October 19th and it valued the personal property at £102. A vendue sale was held on the following day and it realized some £12 more than estimated. The sale bill is on file at Elkins and it shows that the widow was the heaviest purchaser; she bought eight pewter plates, a pewter dish and basin, six spoons, two spinning wheels, a pair of cards, and considerable livestock. She was living with an only daughter, Sarah, a spinster, as late as 1830.

Beginning in 1809 his children sold their individual 1/9 interests in two tracts owned by Thomas Skidmore to their cousin Isaac Skidmore (no. 135) of Pendleton County. After the death of Eleanor the children (and the heirs of his deceased son Joseph of Carter County, Kentucky) sold their individual interests in the Leading Creek land "where the said Thomas Skidmore resided until the time of his death." These deeds were mostly signed in 1847.

Children:

138. i. Joseph, born about 1772.
139. ii. Abraham, born about 1774.
140. iii. Jeremiah, born about 1776.
141. iv. Samuel, born about 1778.
v. Sarah, born about 1782. She was living in 1850 with her brother James, unmarried.
142. vi. Lieutenant Thomas, born 12 November 1785.
143. vii. Elijah, born 16 August 1787.
144. viii. John, born about 1789.
145. ix. James, born about 1793.

57. SAMUEL[5] SKIDMORE, was born probably in what is now Washington County, Maryland, the son of Joseph (no. 22) and Agnes (Caldwell) Skidmore, and died in Pendleton (then Rockingham County), Virginia, before 27 March 1780. He married Ruth Marsden; she married (2) George Dawson and was living as late as 1825 in Green County, Georgia. Her family name is on the authority of her descendants only and we have not been able find any Marsden family in South Branch Valley.

Joseph Skidmore, his father, seems to have retired from the milling business before 25 August 1772 when he deeded to his son Samuel his home and mill on Skidmore's Mill Run "where the said [Joseph] Skidmore formerly lived." This consisted of two tracts, one of 54 acres acquired by patent, and another 14 acres adjoining which had been purchased from Jacob Conrad. Presumably Samuel Skidmore was left in the operation of the mill there.

He served as an Ensign in his brother John's company in the expedition in 1777 to protect the settlers in the Tygart's Valley. In May 1779 he filed two claims with the Rockingham Court for diets [meals] furnished to the militia passing through the South Branch Valley.

He was appointed a constable on 28 April 1778 and on 23 March 1779 Samuel Skidmore was appointed an Overseer of the Road "from the Hampshire line to Joseph Skidmore's and the usual tithables to work thereon."

He had died before 27 March 1780 when his will was proved by James Dyer and Charles Hedrick. The date of the will and its provisions are unknown, for many of the Rockingham records (including the deed and will books) were burned during the Civil War. From the order books (which survive) it appears that Ruth Skidmore, the widow, and Peter Veneman were named executors and they appeared in court and gave bond. The executors had immediate problems for on the same day the will was proved Agnes Skidmore petitioned the court to lay out one-third of the land which her husband had deeded to Samuel Skidmore in 1772 as her dower. An inventory of the estate (also lost) was returned to court on 28 August 1780.

On 24 September 1781 Colonel Benjamin Harrison was appointed guardian of the young Samuel Skidmore, and entered into bond. At the same court Colonel Harrison moved that the dower of Agnes Skidmore be laid off but this does not seem to have been done. On 27 August 1782 Harrison and Gavin Hamilton were ordered by the court "to arbitrate, determine, and settle the administration account of Samuel Skidmore, deceased." A case filed in March 1786 called "Skidmore vs. Skidmore's Executors" seems to have been a further effort by Agnes Skidmore to regain some part of her old home. In 1802 the young Samuel Skidmore, now of age and living in Greene County, Georgia, sold both tracts on Skidmore's Mill Run to his two cousins Levi and Isaac Skidmore of Pendleton County.

Ruth Skidmore married as her second husband George Dawson who is said to have been a native of Lincolnshire who deserted from the British army during the American Revolution. They moved to Georgia settling on the headwaters of the Ogeechee River. Their son Thomas Dawson, born 25 January 1784 in a bark covered shelter, is said to have been the first white child born in Greene County, Georgia. Of the other Dawson children which followed the most outstanding was the Honorable William Crosby Dawson (1798-1856), United States Senator from Georgia. He was known as "the first gentleman of Georgia" for his elegant manners. There are several tributes to the character of Ruth (Marsden) Skidmore Dawson; in 1852 William Henry Sparks in his Memoirs of Fifty Years writes of her "cherished venerated memory" and of "the ingenuousness of her manners in social intercourse."

Child:

146. i. Samuel, born 8 August 1779.

58. ANDREW[5] SKIDMORE, the son of Joseph (no. 22) and Agnes (Caldwell) Skidmore, was born in what is now Pendleton County on 8 November 1750, and died at what became Sutton, Braxton County, (West) Virginia, on 15 November 1827. He married, about 1783, Margaret, the posthumous daughter of Arthur and Margaret (?Phares) Johnson of Rockingham County, Virginia.

Andrew Skidmore probably studied under the Scot schoolmaster William Ginits, for he wrote a polished hand as the few documents that survive either written or signed by him show. He grew up on the Virginia frontier and there is plentiful evidence that he was a "hard" man even in adolescence. His granddaughter, Nellie Rodgers, when aged 98 told her nephew John D. Sutton that her grandfather had done several bad things as a young man. According to her Andrew Skidmore and two others named Judy and Cowen were imprisoned for killing Indians but the sympathy of the citizens caused them to be released with out due process of the law. Turning to the border historians it is possible to expand her account. It was probably as early as 1768 during an interval of peace with the Indians when four friendly Indians arrived at the head of the South Branch Valley on the way north. One of the four objected to the dangers of traveling down the valley and separated from the rest of the party. The other three were pursued by white men and caught and killed on Mill Creek in what is now Hardy County. The fourth Indian (who came down the North Branch) was tracked for seven or eight days by a negro belonging to a man named Cunningham, but finally escaped. The white men who committed the murders were apprehended and ordered to jail, but their neighbors raised a party to rescue them and they were never brought to trial. This account, which appears in Kercheval's History of the Valley, was obtained by a son of one of the men who effected the rescue. Wither's Chronicles of Border Warfare adds a few details. He names Henry Judy and Nicholas Harpole as two of the participants, but only Judy is said to have been arrested. The rescue party is said to have consisted of upwards of 200 men.

Andrew Skidmore was involved in an even more savage incident in 1772. In 1768 a German named Adam Stroud settled on what is now Stroud's Creek in Webster County. For four years his family was not molested by the Indians, but in June 1772 while he was away a party of Indians (probably Shawnee) murdered his wife and their several children. They left by accident or design a trail towards a peaceful Indian village at the salt springs about a mile below the present Bulltown in Braxton County.

This village consisted of five families of Indians ruled by Captain Bull, a Delaware chief. He was on friendly terms with the local white settlers and had led his colony there in 1764 from New York State where he had an unsavory reputation as a participant in Pontiac's War. Sir William Johnson paints a black picture of Captain Bull who he called a

"villain of the first rank." He confessed to killing 26 whites before his capture in 1764 and had planned to wipe out Cherry Valley or some other English settlement in New York. His conduct in Virginia had been satisfactory but there is reason to think that the Shawnee had stopped at the Bull settlement after the Stroud massacre and abandoned or bartered part of Stroud's possessions there.

It is generally agreed that the party of white avengers numbered five men, and that they were Jesse Hughes (the leader), William White, William Hacker, John Cutright, and Andrew Skidmore. These five descended on Bulltown and killed every man, woman and child living there, as great an atrocity as any ever committed by the savage. The bodies were thrown into the Kanawha River and the village completely destroyed. Andrew Skidmore stated, late in life, that after the massacre they stepped in a rough of bear grease found in the village to oil their moccasins, and then went on. There are conflicting reports about their return. It is said that they collected a part of the Stroud possessions to show their neighbors to justify the massacre. Another account says they made every effort to conceal their crime and claimed that Captain Bull and his people had left before they arrived.

Andrew Skidmore served under his brother at the Battle of Point Pleasant on 10 October 1774. Late in the day he and his nephew Andrew Friend had taken refuge from the rain in a hollow log. Several others followed their example and the log became crowded. As Andrew Skidmore pointed out another log nearby as a place of retreat an Indian shot off his right forefinger.

On 6 February 1775 he bought six items at Felix Gilbert's store in Rockingham County. One was a saddle girth and the other five were pints or quarts of rum imported from the Indies. On 23 November 1776 he tendered an $8.00 bill at the store in payment of his account. Gilbert noted the serial number of the bill in his account book and made Andrew Skidmore sign the memorandum that it had been his "as suspicious of counterfeit." Gilbert was an avowed Tory during the American Revolution. In May 1778 Andrew Skidmore appeared at the second session of the new Rockingham County Court and charged Gilbert with having "uttered words inimical to the state in a certain conversation at his own house; on the said Andrew Skidmore being examined in open court and it appearing that the words spoken by the said Gilbert tended to sow sedition among the settlers on the western waters" it was then the verdict of the court that Gilbert should post £1,000 to ensure his good behavior.

In a petition made for a pension in 1818 Andrew Skidmore stated "that when about eighteen years of age he moved from the South Branch of the Potomac to Tygart's Valley encountering all of the dangers and hardships of a frontier settlement during an active and bloody warfare with the savages and as early as the year 1774 was called out at the command of Colonel Andrew Lewis to Point Pleasant at which place he was severely wounded in the hand." It would seem from this that he was in Randolph

County as early as 1768, but this was probably only on hunting and camping expeditions. In 1777 he and his brother Thomas made some sort of settlement there. On 6 November 1777 he and his brothers Thomas and Edward Skidmore, and their nephew Richard Skidmore, signed a petition to the House of Delegates from the inhabitants of the Tygart's Valley settlement and the west fork of the Monongalia River and the Buchanan Creek settlement. The petitioners state that they labor under great hardships being obliged to attend court at Staunton town at a distance of 108 miles from the closest settlement in the Tygart's Valley. The road was exceedingly bad and 40 miles of this was completely uninhabited (from the Tygart to the Potomac waters) and there were eight large mountains to cross. They state "we flatter ourselves we are able to Build & Support all publick buildings necessary for a County town" and they ask that a new county be formed to ease the life of the 216 signers.

On 24 November 1777 he entered at Staunton a tract of 400 acres in what is now Randolph County adjoining land entered by his brother Thomas Skidmore. The summer of 1778 was spent in settling his father's estate; William White (who had been with him at the Bulltown massacre) was one of the appraisers.

He married Margaret Johnson about 1783. The marriage bond is not now on record but on 11 October 1783 he was a bondsman for Andrew Johnson, his brother-in-law, who married Else Black. Andrew Johnson was a Captain in the American Revolution, but resigned his commission and was replaced on 24 September 1781 by his brother-in-law Isaac Hinkle. Johnson was a widower in 1783; his first wife had been Hannah Hinkle a sister of the wife of Captain John Skidmore. Andrew Johnson is frequently said (in error) to have been the grandfather of President Andrew Johnson. In fact, Andrew and Alsey Johnson moved in 1796 to Nichols County, Kentucky, and not to North Carolina as has been claimed.

In 1782 he received a patent for the land he had entered on the Tygart's River in 1777 and the acreage after surveying was found to contain 336 and not 400 acres. It was here that all 12 of his children were born. His home stood on the outskirts of the present town of Elkins near Westfall Ford in a bend in the river; the Odd Fellows Home now occupies a part of the tract. Across this bend he undertook to dig a canal to obtain water power for a grist mill he proposed to build on the site. After work had progressed he had a survey made and found that the fall would be too small to power a mill and the project was abandoned. The remains of the canal could be seen until recent times.

On the formation of Randolph County in 1789 he and his brother Thomas served on the first Grand Jury called for the new county on November 23rd. He acquired several other tracts in the county both by purchase and patent. In 1809 and 1811 he conveyed to his sons James and Andrew Skidmore 50 acres each of the home place; the consideration in both cases was $50.00.

His wife Margaret had been born in 1759. She died in 1808 and was buried in a family cemetery a few hundred feet south of his home on Tygart's River. Her grave was marked with a rough stone placed there by her son Andrew Skidmore, Jr. In 1929 a forty foot square plot about the grave was deeded to the Randolph County Historical Society by the International Order of the Odd Fellows and a monument erected to the memory of Margaret (Johnson) Skidmore. The original stone was set in the base in cement. Speaking at the dedication the Honorable John D. Sutton, a great-grandson, recalled this incident of frontier life: "The old soldier [Andrew Skidmore] related to my father that on one occasion he and his wife went over yonder hills hunting and there came a great snow and they were afraid to travel because they might be tracked by Indians, and lay down by the side of a big log and remained there all night."

In 1812 he went with his younger children to what is now Braxton County. He sold all of his holdings in Randolph County for something just under £1,000. What remained of the home place (minus the 100 acres deeded to his two sons) was sold to Edward S. Duncan for £700. His older children, James, Nancy Scott, Mary Chenowith, Sarah Coberly, and Eleanor Chenoweth all remained in Randolph County with their families.

He settled in Braxton County on a tract on the south side of the Elk River at the mouth of Skidmore Run. This land is now the Skidmore Addition to the county seat of Sutton; it passed after his death to his son Benjamin, and thence to his grandson Jennings Skidmore who sold it after the Civil War.

In 1816 Andrew Skidmore signed a deed of gift to his six youngest children Joseph, Jesse, John, Benjamin, Margaret, and Rebecca. For $1.00 each he conveyed to them all his personal property including horses, cattle, hogs, plantation tools, household furniture, as well as all debts due him by bond, note or open account. The reasons for this does not appear unless he was expecting an attachment to be levied against him in a judgment suit.

On 9 December 1818 he drafted a petition to the House of Delegates at Richmond asking that they pass a special bill for his relief. Thomas Collett made oath on 26 August 1818 that he and Andrew Skidmore were both at Point Pleasant and that Andrew Skidmore was wounded there. The petition is signed as Andrew Scidmore and this was the last use of that spelling in the Virginia family. The receipt of his petition is noted in the journal on 7 December 1818 when it was referred to the Committee on Claims. Nothing more is heard of his bill.

Andrew Skidmore died on 15 November 1827 and is buried in the Skidmore Cemetery at Sutton founded by his son Benjamin as a public cemetery association. A part of his numerous posterity are also buried there.

Children:

147. i. James S., born 16 August 1784.
148. ii. Andrew, born 20 March 1786.
iii. Nancy, born 25 December 1787. She married (1) Basil Hudkins on 7 January 1808, and (2) Thomas Scott (1787-1865) on 1 July 1810.
iv. Mary, born 14 February 1789. She married John J. Chenoweth (1790-1874) on 5 August 1810. She was living in Randolph County as late as 1870.
v. Sarah, born 6 April 1792. She married Martin Coberly by whom she had at least one daughter. He was twice married after her death and had move by 1840 to Coles County, Illinois.
149. vi. Joseph G., born 17 June 1794.
150. vii. Jesse, born 16 April 1796.
viii. Eleanor, born 15 March 1798. She married Joseph Chenowith (1792-____) on 19 September 1813. She had died before 1850; he was living in 1870 at Beverly.
151. ix. John, born 15 August 1800.
152. x. Benjamin, born 20 October 1802.
xi. Margaret, born 10 February 1804. She married John Crites (1802-____) on 27 October 1825. She died 23 January 1874 in Braxton County.
xii. Rebecca, born 7 May 1807. She married Jesse Jackson (1800-1888) on 26 June 1825. She died 25 July 1875 in Braxton County.

59. LIEUTENANT COLONEL SAMUEL[6] SCIDMORE, was born at Huntington, Suffolk County, Long Island, in 1770, the son of Samuel (no. 23) and ?Sarah (_____) Scidmore, and died at the Asylum in New York City on 20 April 1828 aged 58. He married (1) on 11 May 1791 at Huntington to Hannah, daughter of Joel and Sarah (Brush) Scudder, who was born 4 December 1775 and died 19 June 1797 aged 22 years, 1 month, and 4 days. She was the mother of his three daughters. He married (2) on 20 April 1828 to Jerusha, daughter of James and Sarah (Totten) Griffith, who was previously the widow of Mordecai Taylor. She was living at Huntington in the census of 1850, aged 65.

Samuel Scidmore was elected a Trustee for Huntington in 1802 (and thereafter), and was assessor in 1814. He was a Lieutenant in the Suffolk County Militia in 1806, promoted to Captain in 1813, Major (of the 137th Regiment of Infantry) in 1815, and Lieutenant Colonel in 1818. He resigned his commission in 1820.

He died in New York on 20 April 1828. Two of his sons-in-law were appointed his administrators.

Children:

i. Harriet, born 1792. She married Richard Scudder on 19 January 1814 and died in childbirth on 26 October 1814 aged 23.
ii. Elizabeth, born 1795. She married Lemuel B. Rogers (1798-1853). She died 14 November 1873 aged 48 at Fresh Ponds, Huntington
iii. Hannah, born 1797. She married Smith Woodhull (1797-1868) on 7 January 1818. She died 23 May 1835; he married (2) Mary Case on 21 June 1836.

60. NATHANIEL TUCKER[6] SKIDMORE, son of Peter (no. 25) and Elizabeth (Tucker) Skidmore, was christened at First Church, Huntington, Long Island, on 15 July 1753, and was living, aged 44, at Brookhaven, Long Island, on 19 January 1797.

He was apparently a bachelor. He is not found as the head of a family in either the 1790 or 1800 census.

61. MICAJAH[6] SKIDMORE, the son of Peter (no. 25) and Mary (Dayton) Skidmore, was christened 15 October 1758 at First Church, Huntington, Suffolk County, Long Island, and was living in what is probably now Wayne County, West Virginia, in 1810.

He and his father signed the Association Oath to support the Continental

Congress in July 1775. Mica. Skidmore signed on 17 May 1775 at Brookhaven, Long Island, that he was willing to be represented at a Provincial Congress to be held on 22 May 1775.

He was living, aged 38, on 19 January 1797. He is not found as the head of a family in New York State (or elsewhere) in the 1790 or 1800 census, and he was presumably a bachelor. In 1810 he appears on a tax list in Cabell County, (West) Virginia, with 1 tithable (himself), one horse, and no slaves. He does not appear on the list for 1815 and nothing more has been learned of him. He is not mentioned in the land, probate, or marriage records of Cabell County.

62. TIMOTHY[6] SKIDMORE, the son of Peter (no. 25) and Mary (Dayton) Skidmore, was christened at the First Church, Suffolk County, Huntington, Long Island, on 5 April 1761, and died at Unionville, Orange County, New York, on 20 March 1817 aged 56. He married Anna (Nancy), the daughter of Jacob and Mary (Fordham) Satterly. She was born 25 December 1765 and died 3 July 1858; they are both buried in the Unionville Cemetery.

He had moved by 1790 to Newburgh in Orange (then Ulster) County, New York. In 1800 he was the head of a family in Wallkill Township in the same county. In the 1850 census Anna Skidmore, his widow, was living just across the state line in Wantage Township, Sussex County, New Jersey, in the household of Elizabeth Skidmore, her widowed daughter-in-law.

Children:

i. Nancy, born 11 August 1783. She married Birdseye Watkins (1781-1824) in 1803 at Setauket, Long Island. She was living his widow, in the 1830 census of Wantage Township, Sussex County, New Jersey.

153. ii. Nathaniel, born 15 April 1788.

iii. Phebe, born 10 May 1790. She married Josiah Lupton (1780-1853) on 23 November 1809 at Mattituck, Long Island. She died at that place on 23 May 1832.

iv. Julia, born 24 March 1792. She married Andrew Thompson, a farmer, in 1814. They were both living in 1850 in Warwick Township, Orange County, New York.

154. v. Timothy, born 4 July 1795.

vi. Sally, born 11 September 1800. She married Peter Rogers, a farmer, on 27 January 1820. They were living in Wantage Township, Sussex County, New Jersey, in 1850.

63. HEZEKIAH[6] SKIDMORE, was born at Rocky Point, Suffolk County, Long Island, the son of Peter (no. 25) and Mary (Dayton) Skidmore, and died at Laurel, Long Island, on 12 March 1841 aged 77. He married Mary

Edwards, a daughter of Gershom and Abigail (Hallock) Edwards and a sister of the wife of William Skidmore. She was born in March 1770 at Riverhead, Long Island, and died 22 July 1859 aged 89 years, 5 months. She was living in the household of her son James in the 1850 census.

Hezekiah Skidmore, an adult, and Clarissa, Walter, Pollyanna, and Caroline [sic] Skidmore were all baptized on 12 October 1806 at Mattituck, Long Island. He was a farmer at Riverhead for many years, and later divided his farm of 150 acres there between his two sons James S. and George Skidmore. He had six children, noted locally for their longevity.

Children:

i. Clarissa, born 15 June 1796. She married Israel Fanning (1794-1874) on 4 February 1814. He was a soldier in the War of 1812. They lived at Laurel, Long Island, where she died 6 March 1890 aged 93 years, 8 months, 21 days; buried in the Presbyterian Cemetery there.

155. ii. Walter S., born 1 November 1798.

iii. Mary Ann, born 1802. Never married. She lived with her sister Catherine at Riverhead where they were milliners. She died 6 February 1891 aged 89; buried Presbyterian Cemetery, Laurel, Long Island.

iv. Catherine, born 28 October 1804. Never married. She lived with her sister Mary at Riverhead where they were milliners. She died 7 January 1897 aged 92 years, 2 months, 10 days; buried Presbyterian Cemetery, Laurel, Long Island.

156. v. James Sell, born 12 December 1812.

157. vi. George S., born 12 April 1819.

64. RICHARD[6] SKIDMORE, a twin, was born 4 August 1771 at Rocky Point Suffolk County, Long Island, the son of Peter (no. 25) and Mary (Dayton) Skidmore, and died at Wading River, Long Island, on 28 July 1832 in his 61st year. He married Mary, the daughter of Joshua and Mary (Corwin) Corwin of Mt. Hope, Orange County, New York; she was born 6 October 1777 and died 29 May 1842 in her 64th year. They are buried in the Congregational Cemetery at Baiting Hollow, Long Island.

He was the head of a family in 1800 at Deer Park Township, Orange County, New York, but had returned to Long Island by 1810. Richard Skidmore served in the War of 1812. He was a Commissioner of Common Schools at Riverhead in 1813 and thereafter, and a Supervisor of the town in 1816.

Children:

i. Maria (Polly), born 1801. She married David Jagger, Jr., a farmer, on 22 April 1818. They were living at Riverhead in

1850.

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ii. Joshua Corwin, born 25 August 1803.

iii. Richard Lewis, born 6 June 1806. He was a bachelor and lived at Baiting Hollow in Riverhead, Long Island. He died there on 28 November 1878; buried Congregational Cemetery, Long Island, Wading River, Long Island.

159. iv. James Harvey, born 2 February 1809.

v. Eliza Ann, born 1815. She married Silas S. Terry, a merchant, on 18 February 1836. They were living at Riverhead, Long Island, in 1850.

65. SAMUEL[6] SKIDMORE, a twin, was born 4 August 1771 at Rocky Point, Suffolk County, Long Island, the son of Peter (no. 25) and Mary (Dayton) Skidmore, and died 31 March 1841 at Riverhead, Long Island. He married Hannah, daughter of John and Mehitabel (Vail) Brown; she was born 12 April 1777 and died 4 March 1838 at Riverhead, Long Island.

He was elected a trustee of the Religious Society of Wading River (Congregational Church) on 10 February 1807.

Samuel Skidmore was enumerated in the 1810 census at Riverhead, Long Island, but moved soon after to a farm at Cow Harbor, Manhasset, Long Island. He subscribed $30.00 to the building of the new Reformed Church at Manhasset in 1813. He moved to New York City just previous to 1 May 1825 where he purchased a house and lot on that day on the northeast corner of Broome and Attorney Streets. He is called a house carpenter in the deed, but is styled a grocer at 171 Broome Street in later directories. He sold this house and acquired another on Henry Street adjoining All Saints' Church. In the 1829 directory (and for the next six years) he is called a sashmaker, a trade continued by his sons Sylvester and Luther. He returned to Riverhead in 1835 where he was a Justice of the Peace for many years.

Children:

160. i. William, born 18 August 1799.

ii. Jehiel, born 5 March 1803. He was a school teacher at Manhasset, Long Island, at his death at Cow Neck on 9 June 1823 aged 20 years, 3 months, 4 days.

161. iii. Sylvester, born 20 March 1806.

162. iv. Luther, born 16 February 1808.

v. Mehitabel, born 2 March 1812, died at Cow Harbor on 20 March 1812, aged 20 days.

vi. Sophronia, born February 1815. She married James Harvey Pettit, of Rockaway, Long Island. Living in 1900 at Rahway, New Jersey, with her nieces. Died 1902.

vii. Emeline, born 1817. She died on Broome Street in New York City on 18 August 1828 aged 12. Buried from the Pres-

byterian Church on Rutgers Street.

viii. Samuel, born 8 July 1819, died at Cow Harbor on 9 July 1820 aged 1 year, 1 day.

ix. George, born ____. He died in 1824 at Cow Harbor, an infant.

66. PETER[6] SKIDMORE, was born at Rocky Point, Suffolk County, Long Island, the son of Peter (no. 25) and Mary (Dayton) Skidmore, and was buried 30 April 1842 the funeral being preached by Reverend Christopher Young. (His obituary is in the Long Island Star of 8 June 1842.) He was aged 69 at his death. He married Hannah, a daughter of Daniel Homan of Brookhaven; she was born in 1776 and was buried 3 July 1853 (her funeral was also preached by Reverend Young). She is buried in the Port Jefferson Cemetery with stone inscribed only "HHS 1776-1853." She was living in 1850 with her daughter Abigail Corwin.

Peter Skidmore was an Overseer of Highways at Brookhaven from 1803 intermittently until 1840. He was a Fence Viewer & Damage Priser in 1805 and thereafter, and Assessor for the town in 1814. In 1838 the Commissioners of Common Schools met at his inn at Woodville.

Peter Skidmore and his wife Hannah were members of the Congregational Church at Wading River about 1837.

Peter Skidmore left a will which was probated 24 May 1842 at Riverhead; it remembers all five of his children noticed below.

Children:

i. Abigail, born 1798. She married Josiah Corwin on 1 February 1825 at Middle Island Presbyterian Church. She was living his widow in 1842 at Stony Brook, Long Island, and died 13 March 1857.

163. ii. Daniel Homan, born 1799.

164. iii. Albert, born 15 February 1803.

iv. Caroline, born 9 January 1806. She married Wines Emmons (1799-1873), a seaman, on 11 February 1828. They were living at Port Jefferson in 1870. She died 30 December 1891.

165. v. Dr. Franklin, born 1810.

67. WILLIAM[6] SKIDMORE, was born in 1775 at Rocky Point, Suffolk County, Long Island, the son of Peter (no. 25) and Mary (Dayton) Skidmore. He died in 1820 or 1821 in New York City. He married on 18 October 1798 at Mattituck, Long Island, Abigail, the daughter of Gershom and Abigail (Hallock) Edwards and a sister of the wife of Hezekiah Skidmore. She was born in 1779 and died 21 December 1842 aged 63 and is buried in the Brockport Cemetery on Lake Road in Sweden Township, Monroe

County, New York. She married (2) Reuben Mather sometime after 30 August 1834.

William Skidmore was an Overseer of Highways at Brookhaven in 1804, 1805, and 1806. He was living at Riverhead in 1809 and is enumerated there in the 1810 census. On 4 October 1805 he was appointed an administrator (with his brothers-in-law William and Gershom Edwards) of his father-in-law, Gershom Edwards, Sr. He had moved to New York City by 1819; in the directory for that year he was a carpenter on Lewis Street. He is listed again in the 1820 directory as a carpenter on Columbia Street near Stanton. He was enumerated in the 1820 census of the Tenth Ward, but died before the directory of 1821 when Abigail, his widow, was living at 111 Lombardy (now Monroe) Street.

Abigail Skidmore continued in New York City until 1831. She had a sister Jerusha, wife of William Lewis, and perhaps other kin in the city. She appears as the widow of William Skidmore, dressmaker, at a variety of addresses through the directory of 1831. She moved probably in this year to Sweden Township, Monroe County, New York, to live with her son William. She met Judge Reuben Mather (1771-1858) there, and became the third of his four wives. She died at Brockport, New York, on 21 December 1842. There was no probate on her estate in Monroe County, New York.

We have not found any list of the children or heirs of William Skidmore. Census records suggest that he had three daughters whose names have yet to be recovered.

Children:

i. Harriet, born 1801. She died 23 November 1813 "in the 12th year of her age" and is buried in the Edwards' Cemetery, Baiting Hollow, Long Island.

ii. [A daughter, born 1800-1810?]

iii. Sophia A. She married William A. Laurens on 21 December 1826 in New York City.

166. iv. William E., born 1807.

v. [A daughter, born 1810-1815?]

vi. [A daughter, born 1810-1815?]

68. JOHN[6] SKIDMORE, born in 1782 at Rocky Point, Suffolk County, Long Island, the son of Peter (no. 25) and Mary (Dayton) Skidmore, and died at Southold, Long Island, before 15 December 1812. He married on 20 September 1803 at the First Church, Southold, Christianna, the daughter of Gilbert and Susanna (Horton) Case. She married (2) Jabez Corwin (1770-1836) on 7 May 1823. Christianna Corwin was living, a widow, aged 68 in the 1850 census. She was living as late as 15 February 1865.

John Scidmore is called "of Wading River" at the time of his marriage.

His house was near Scidmore's Landing in Brookhaven. The administration of John Skidmore, farmer, was given to the widow on 15 December 1812. Hezekiah Skidmore was the bondsman in the amount of $2000.00.

The administration of Joseph O. Skidmore was given to his mother on 15 February 1865. The petition shows that his only full brother, Gilbert M. Skidmore, was presumed to be dead. The other heirs in addition to his mother were his Corwin half brothers and sisters.

Children:

i. Gilbert M., born 1805. Presumed dead in 1865.
ii. Joseph O., born 1808. He was a merchant at Riverhead, Long Island, and died unmarried 15 February 1865.

69. JOSEPH[6] SCIDMORE, the son of Isaac (no. 26) and Hannah (_____) Scidmore, was born about 1754 at Northport, Suffolk County, Long Island, and had died in or before 1800 at Stamford, Connecticut. He married on 23 September 1782 at the Congregational Church in Stamford (now Darien) to Mary (Polly), the daughter of Samuel and Anne (Morehouse) Bates. He is called "of Long Island" in the entry of his marriage. She was born 6 February 1761 at Stamford, and married (2) on 25 November 1807 at Smithtown, Long Island, Benjamin Jarrett; she is called here "of Connecticut."

Joseph Scidmore served in the company of Minute Men commanded by Captain Nathaniel Platt of Huntington, Long Island, drawing pay from 26 July to 2 December 1776. His company was a part of the First Suffolk County Regiment and was present at the brief and disastrous Battle of Brooklyn on 27 August 1776.

Joseph Scidmore, Jr., fled from Long Island after it was occupied by the British and settled at Norwalk, Connecticut. He was one of eight crewman serving under Captain William Smith Scudder on 20 December 1778 on his schooner Ranger when they sailed from Norwalk across the sound to Long Island. They were armed with muskets and pistols but there was no cannon on board the Ranger. They proceeded to Huntington "behind enemy lines" where they seized a quantity of goods at the store of Joseph Hanford. As noticed elsewhere Captain Scudder exceeded his commission from Governor Clinton which only authorized the destruction of British shipping and not the theft of goods belonging to the Tories on Long Island. They returned several times to plunder the residents at Huntington and on 2 February 1779 Scidmore and two other members of the crew stood accused of taking some property from the houses of Isaac Burrus and Rebecca Wiser, a widow. Presumably Joseph Scidmore was one of the party which raided his uncle Samuel Scidmore's house at Huntington on 3 March 1779.

Children:

167. i. Henry, born 8 February 1783.
ii. Nancy, born 26 September 1785. Living 24 July 1804, but nothing else is known of her.
168. iii. Captain Joseph, born 16 March 1787.
169. iv. Samuel Bates, born 11 February 1789.
170. v. Nathaniel, born 12 January 1791.

70. ISAAC[6] SKIDMORE, was born at Northport, Suffolk County, Long Island, about 1756, the son of Isaac (no. 26) and Hannah (_____) Scidmore. He died at Gilboa, Schoharie County, New York, on 25 January 1837. From the wide span of birth dates for his children (from 1788 or earlier, to 1823) we can predicate that he had at least two wives. Nothing is known of his earlier wife or wives, but he was survived by (2) Hannah _____ of whom little is known except for the provisions made for her in his last will.

On 18 September 1783 Isaac Skidmore was a witness to the marriage of Ichabod Crippin and Mary Whiting at Spencertown, Columbia County, New York. In 1790 he was the head of a household in Rensselaerville, Albany County, New York, consisting of himself and three females. In 1800 he was in Middleburg Township, Schoharie County (Ichabod Crippin was also there), and in 1810 he was back again in Rensselaerville. In 1820 and 1830 he was a head of a family in Broome Township, Schoharie County, New York. It is curious to find that in the 1855 state census of New York (which reports the county of birth) his son John says that he was born in Schenectady County, while his son Peter says that he was born in Kings County. Descendants of his grandson Lewis say that John Skidmore made a trip back to Long Island to claim an estate there, but no further particulars are remembered.

Isaac Skidmore, of Middleburg, "in good health" left a fairly simple will dated 24 May 1836. His wife Hannah was left all his real and personal property as long as she lived. At her death all the household furniture was to go to his youngest daughter Nancy. His son Peter was to have the farm where he lived. All the rest of his property was to be sold after his wife's death and then to be equally divided among five of his children: Sally, Hannah, Peter, Nancy, and Mary. Seth Paddock (his son-in-law) was to care for his wife. His son John is not remembered or mentioned in the will, but he is listed as an heir in the petition for administration. Seth Paddock and James Haight were named executors, and Haight, Peter Skidmore and Thomas S. Thorn were the witnesses. The will was probated in Schoharie County on 3 April 1837.

Children:

i. Hannah, born about 1788. She married Reverend Seth Paddock (1786-____) who was pastor for many years in the Hervey Street Baptist Church in Durham, Greene County, New York.

They were living there in 1850. He resigned his pastorate in 1857 because of the infirmities of age and is living alone, a widower, 1860.

171. ii. John, born 1791.

172. iii. Peter, born 1800.

iv. Sally, born 1810. She married Zebulon Hallock, and was living his widow in 1850 with her nephew Lewis Skidmore at Mackey, Schoharie County, New York.

v. Mary, born 1821. She married Vincent R. Wilbur (1807-1888), a farmer at Broome Center, Schoharie County, New York. She was living, his widow, in 1888.

vi. Mancy Maria, born 21 September 1823. She married 18 September 1848 Bennett Rushmore (1825-____). They were living in Durham Township, Greene County, New York, in 1850.

71. TIMOTHY[6] SCIDMORE, was born about 1760 at Northport, Suffolk County, Long Island, the son of Isaac (no. 26) and Hannah (_____) Scidmore. He died at Brooklyn, Kings County, Long Island, on 8 December 1855 aged 95 years, 5 months according to a newspaper obituary. (His age at death may be somewhat overstated; in 1850 he is living with his son Isaac at Flatlands, Kings County, aged 84.) He married Margaret (Peggy), the daughter of John and Sarah (Oakes) Soper; she was born about 1773 and was the sister of the wife of his brother Nathaniel Scidmore. They were married 4 August 1793 at Northport; she was dead in 1850.

The earmarks of Timothy Skidmore are found recorded in a small leather book set down in 1790 for the residents of Brookhaven Township. It survives at the Suffolk County Historical Society. Timothy Skidmore was living at Huntington on 2 April 1811 when he was appointed an Overseer of Highways.

The will of John Soper of Huntington dated 3 September 1812 remembers (with others) his daughters Esther Scidmore and Peggy Scidmore, and a granddaughter Sally Skidmore.

Timothy Scidmore deeded land in Huntington to three of his sons in the 1820s. He was living at Brooklyn on 23 May 1826 when he conveyed a tract to Howell Scidmore "of Huntington." On 11 November 1830 Timothy Scidmore "of Huntington" deeded two tracts at Fresh Pond to John Scidmore for $150.00. In 1840 Timothy Scidmore was the head of a household at Flatlands, Kings County, New York. His wife Peggy seems to have been dead by this date. He is living (presumably) with his son Timothy, Jr. One of the two males in the household was engaged in manufacturing, and the other was in the navigation of canals, etc.

Children:

i. Sarah Scudder, baptized 4 February 1794 at St. George's,

Hempstead, as a daughter of Margaret Scidmore. She married (1) on 2 February 1819 Albert P. Smith (1796-1830) of Smithtown, and (2) Captain Hezekiah S. Sanford (1779-1857) of Northport. She died there 29 June 1876; buried East Northport Cemetery.

ii. Edna, born 27 June 1795. She married 15 February 1814 John Akerly (1791-1871). They were living in New York City in 1824 and 1832. She died 5 November 1861 aged 76, at Huntington.

173. iii. Isaac, born about 1796.

174. iv. John, born 16 March 1798 at Dix Hills.

175. v. David Howell, born 30 January 1801.

176. vi. Timothy, born 1805.

vii. Emeline, born ____. She married 10 July 1833 at Brooklyn to James S. Griffith, a stonemason. They were living in 1835 at 28 Nassau Street, Brooklyn, and in 1848 he was living on Hudson Street (near Lafayette). In the 1850 census he is enumerated, aged 40, a mason, in the 11th Ward of Brooklyn, with Elizabeth Griffith, aged 41, presumably a second wife.

72. NATHANIEL[6] SKIDMORE, was born at Northport, Suffolk County, Long Island, about 1766, the son of Isaac (no. 26) and Hannah (_____) Scidmore, and was living 13 June 1846 at Fresh Pond in Huntington. He married Hester (Esther), the daughter of John and Sarah (Oakes) Soper, on 16 January 1792 at the Presbyterian Church at Smithtown. She was born about 1773 and was living in 1850 aged 77, a widow, with her daughter Hannah Ketcham at Fresh Pond. Nathaniel Scidmore died 15 May 1856 according to an obituary in the Brooklyn Eagle.

During the American Revolution mention is made of Nathaniel Scidmore, of Crab Meadow, who in 1781 guided a raiding party to Fort Slongo.

The will of Martha Oakes alias Martha Smith, a single woman of Islip, dated 23 July 1811, leaves the residue of her estate to Martha, daughter of Thomas Dow, and to Julia, daughter of Nathaniel Skidmore. Nathaniel Skidmore was a lifelong resident of Huntington except for a period of about three years when he moved his family to New York City. Nathaniel Scidmore is last noticed at Huntington on 4 April 1815 when he was appointed an Overseer of Highways. He must have moved to New York City soon after. In 1815 and 1816 the family is living at 30 Oak Street (between James and Roosevelt Streets) and in 1817 he is living on Walnut Street at Corlears' Hook. No occupation is given for him in the city directories. Julia Ann Scidmore, his daughter, died during the New York City interlude.

There was no probate on the estate of Nathaniel Scidmore. Not long before his death he executed two deeds conveying land to what seems to be his two youngest daughters. On 24 April 1843 Nathaniel and Esther Scidmore of the village of Fresh Pond, Huntington, sell to Mary Ann

Scudder, wife of Jonas Scudder, for $50.00 a tract bounded west, north and east by the land of Nathaniel Scidmore and south by the highway leading past the house of William Griffis to the parsonage now occupied by the Reverend William Townley, containing two acres. A similar deed was signed on 13 June 1846: Nathaniel and Esther Scidmore of Huntington convey to Sally Scudder, widow, for $45.00, the one equal half of a lot laid out in the right of Scidmore in the Squaw Pits Purchase, containing 3 3/8 acres. Jonas Scudder is the witness to this second deed.

Census records indicate that Nathaniel and Esther were the parents of five children, four daughters and one son who must have died young.

Children:

i. Julia Ann, born about 1792. She died unmarried on 26 July 1817 on Pearl Street, New York City, age 25. She was buried from the Methodist Episcopal Church on Forsyth Street.

ii. Hannah, born about 1793. She married Alexander Ketcham (1785-____) on 6 August 1814 at Huntington. They were living in 1850 with Hester Skidmore; Hannah Ketcham was then aged 57.

iii. Sarah (Sally), born about ____. She married John Oakes on 20 June 1815, and may have soon been left a widow for they are not found in the 1820 census. She probably married (2) _____ Scudder and was living his widow at Fresh Pond 1846. Not found in the 1850 census.

iv. [A son, born 1800-1810. Probably died young.]

v. Mary Ann, born about 1807. She married Jonas Scudder and was living his widow in 1850 with her mother Hester, then aged 43.

73. JOHN[6] SKIDMORE, was born at Northport, Suffolk County, Long Island, the son of Isaac (no. 26) and Hannah (_____) Scidmore. He was enumerated in the 1850 census of Huntington, but is not found in 1860; he was aged 64 in 1850 but this appears to be understated by a few years. He married Mary (Polly), the daughter of Thomas and Rebecca (Ketcham) Wood; she was born about 1787 and was living in 1850. No tombstones have been found for them at Huntington.

John and Mary Skidmore deeded 20 acres of land at the corner of Nathaniel Scidmore's land on the highway to Smithtown to their sons Thomas W. and Charles Skidmore for a consideration of $300.00 in a conveyance recorded in 1840.

There was no probate on his estate. The list of his children is taken from the Skidmore genealogy of 1911, page 409.

Children:

i. Howell, born about 1808. Living unmarried in 1830, nothing further known.
177. ii. Thomas Wood, born about 1810.
iii. Hannah, born about 1810-15.
178. iv. Charles, born about 1815.
v. Mary, born about 1815-20.
179. vi. Captain Henry, born 25 September 1822.
vii. Bryant, born about 1825. Living unmarried in 1840, nothing further known.
viii. Alonzo, born about 1830. Living in 1850 when he is called "sickly".

74. THOMAS[6] SKIDMORE, was born 17 June 1741 and was christened at Huntington, Suffolk County, Long Island, on 23 August 1741, the son of David (no. 27) and Abigail (Dennis) Scidmore. He died at Huntington on 16 December 1807 aged 66 years, 6 months. He married on 17 March 1769 Phebe, the daughter of Ephraim and Meribah (Oakes) Chichester. She was born on 8 August 1750 and christened 16 September 1750 at the First Church, Huntington. She died 18 August 1830 at Huntington and they are buried in the Crab Meadow Cemetery.

Thomas Scidmore was taxed £2 10sh on £30 on the assessment roll of 4 May 1864. He was elected Overseer of the Highway on 3 May 1868.

Thomas Skidmore refused to sign the Association Oath to support the Continental Congress in May 1775. In 1782 he filed a claim showing losses of £200 (in stock, money, and household goods plundered) during the British occupation of Long Island. In the same year he was assessed at Huntington on £75.

His will is dated 20 August 1807 and was proved 10 February 1808 in Suffolk County. It mentions his wife Phebe, his sons David, Jonas, and Jesse, and his daughters Charlotte, Mary, and Abigail. The executors were his sons Jonas and Jesse (they were also to have all his lands at Crab Meadow), and the witnesses were Epenetus Griffis, Harvey Bunce, and Henry Scudder.

Children:

i. Charlotte, born 22 October 1769. She married Jacob Bryant on 17 October 1790 at Huntington. She died at Vernon Valley in her 91st year according to an obituary in the Long Islander of 20 July 1860.
180. ii. David, born 3 March 1771.
iii. Mary, born 23 March 1773. Living 1850, a spinster.
iv. Ephraim Chichester, born 19 December 1774, died 7 March 21798; buried Crab Meadow cemetery.
v. Thomas, born 19 January 1777. Probably died young.

vi. George, born 11 January 1779, died 29 November 1784.

vii. Abigail, born 23 May 1781. She married on 12 December 1804 John Herriman Gardiner (1777-1854) of Gardiner's Island. She died 16 March 1861 at Crab Meadow.

viii. Elizabeth, baptized 20 June 1784. (Her birth is not found in the family Bible.) Probably died an infant.

ix. Jonas, baptized 20 June 1784. (His birth is given in the family Bible as 21 October 1784 which is inconsistent with the christening of he and his sister.) He was appointed a Constable at Huntington on 22 June 1808 and died there 4 September 1819 probably unmarried.

181. x. Jesse, born 8 May 1786.

75. PHILIP[6] SKIDMORE, was christened 17 June 1744 at Huntington, Suffolk County, Long Island, the son of David (no. 27) and Abigail (Dennis) Scidmore. He married Margaret Wickes on 4 June 1772; she may be the child of her name christened 24 June 1750 at First Church, Huntington, and she was, perhaps, a daughter of Platt Wickes. Philip Scidmore died in April 1786 at Huntington, and his widow married (2) Jacob Smith on 2 September 1794.

Philip Skidmore signed the Association Oath to support the Continental Congress in May 1775. On 6 August 1777 a horse and saddle belonging to Philip Skidmer worth £20 was pressed into His Majesty's Service; it was never returned nor paid for. He also filed a claim with the British for 12 days of carting with his ox team at 16sh per day (£9 12sh 0d) under General Oliver DeLancey. He was assessed on £62 10sh 0d, about 1782 at Huntington.

Philip Scidmore died in April 1786 according to the register kept by the Reverend Nathan Woodhull; his will was proved on April 5th. It was dated 24 March 1786 and gives all his movables to his wife Margaret. His lands were to be sold and the money realized was to support his sons until the age of 21; they were each to have a part of the principal at 21. The executors were his wife Margaret and his friends, Melancton Bryant and Henry Scudder. The witnesses were Epenetus Smith, Jonas Gildersleeve, and David Wood. His lands were later divided between his two sons by a partition deed dated 28 March 1797.

Children:

182. i. Captain Joel, born 1774.

183. ii. Platt, born 1783.

76. SOLOMON[6] SCIDMORE, was born about 1742 at Smithtown, Suffolk County, Long Island, the son of John (no. 28) and Elizabeth (Brush) Scidmore. He was living 20 May 1789 in what is now Malta Township, Saratoga County, New York (then Stillwater, Albany County), and was

presumably dead before the 1790 census of that place was taken. He is said to have married (probably in Dutchess County) Mary (correctly Deborah?) Mosher, who followed him soon after in death.

The earmarks of Solomon Skidmore were recorded on 1 April 1774 in the Nine Partners Patent in Dutchess County, New York.

Solomon Scidmore served as a Corporal in the 4th Company (commanded by Captain Ephraim Woodworth) of the 13th Regiment of the Albany County Militia (Saratoga District) in the American Revolution. In 1778 he leased a farm for £12 from the Commissioners of Sequestration for the Northern District of Albany County; it had belonged to Peter Lain, a Tory, who had doubtless fled the county. On the tax list of Stillwater Township dated 20 May 1789 Solomon Scidmore was taxed 2sh 6d on £10 in real property and £4 in personal property.

He is not found listed in the 1790 census. Possibly his children were living in the household of Mordecai Sayles who had five young males and five young females at home in addition to a wife and himself. Sayles and his wife Deborah were given the administration of the estate of Solomon Scidmore, deceased, on 28 September 1791; John Schidmore, Jr., and Lettis Weston were their bondsmen in the sum of £250. Since Deborah Sayles is specifically included in the administration it seems certain that she was nearly related to Solomon; she may have been his widow or possibly a daughter. Both the record and family hearsay are completely quiet about her. The inventory was taken 15 November 1791 and included a Bible, a tea pot, and the usual household goods and livestock. Solomon Scidmore is said to have died of "wounds" (unspecified) and his wife soon after. The administration papers do not list his heirs and the following account of his children is from oral tradition. Perhaps his family Bible may someday surface with a better list of his children.

Children:

i. Sarah Mosher, born 3 June 1765. She married about 1783 Isaiah Keeler (1761-1852) a Revolutionary soldier. They moved after the birth of their third child from Stillwater Township, Saratoga County, to Elizabethtown (now Brockville), Leeds County, Ontario, where he had a grant of Crown Lands in 1804. When the War of 1812 broke out they returned to the United States settling at Mexico, Oswego County, New York. Isaiah Keeler served as a circuit minister for the Methodist Churches in that area until his death in 1852. She died there on 25 January 1853.

ii. John. He is said to have died young, but may be the man of his name, not otherwise identified, in Stillwater Township in the 1790 census with one male and one female only. Nothing more has been learned of this John Scidmore who appears to have died before 1800.

iii. Elizabeth. She is said to have married _____ Ketcham.

184. iv. Samuel, born 1777.
185. v. James, born 1779.

77. JOHN[6] SCIDMORE, was born about 1750 the son of John (no.28) and Elizabeth (Brush) Scidmore. He died 28 November 1830 in Malta Township, Saratoga County, New York, aged 80, and is buried in the Malta Ridge Cemetery there. He married (presumably his only wife) Elizabeth _____, who survived him and was living as late as 6 April 1833 when she witnessed a deed in Saratoga County. No tombstone has been found for her if she was buried beside her husband.

John Scidmore was a Sergeant in the 4th Company of the 13th Regiment of the Albany County Militia (Saratoga District) in the American Revolution. On the tax list for Stillwater Township in 1789 he was taxed 1sh 9d on £10 in real property. An assessment list for Malta Township (which was taken off of Stillwater in 1802) shows that he was taxed on $2204.00 in 1813.

In 1792 John Scidmore, Jr., presented a complaint against Prescott Denton at the First Baptist Church of Stillwater Center; nothing else is learned of this matter. On 26 December 1796 John Scidmore, Jr., of Stillwater Township, with Paul Furman and Thomas Lyon of Clinton, New York, as his bondsmen, was named the administrator of Reverend Abner Brush, his kinsman, of Dutchess County. On the same day Benjamin Hall, a farmer of Dutchess County (and Scidmore's brother-in-law), declared that he was present when Brush died on 9 January 1791.

On the first Tuesday in April 1804 John Scidmore, Jr., was elected Overseer of Highways for Beat No. 2 in the recently formed Malta Township. He served later in the same office and as Fence Viewer as his sons did after him. John and Elizabeth Scidmore were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Malta in 1810.

On 29 August 1827 they sold to James and Elijah Skidmore of Malta 190 acres of land which had been purchased from the estate of Dick Lefferts, deceased, bounded north by Kayaderoseras Creek. Two pieces had previously been cut off; 24 acres had been sold to John Vincent and 30 acres to William McIntosh. The consideration was $950.00 and a Phebe Scidmore, not otherwise identified, was a witness to the deed.

The list of children we have for John and Elizabeth Scidmore may be incomplete. In addition to Phebe Scidmore another daughter may have been a Rhoda Hart (born 1797) who was living in the 1855 census with her nephew John Scidmore (son of Abner Brush Scidmore) at Clay Township, Onondaga County, New York. She was then aged 58 and a native of Saratoga County. It is not known at present if she was a Scidmore or a Corey, or she may also have been conceivably an aunt to John Scidmore's wife. Census records suggest that John and Elizabeth had a daughter born between 1794 and 1800, and in 1800 there is another male 10 to 16

in his household not accounted for. (This might be his nephew James, son of Solomon Scidmore, who is said to have made his home with his uncle.)

Children:

i. Elizabeth (Betsy), born 1775. She married Honorable Stephen Hart (1771-1861) and moved with him by 1810 to Pinckney, Lewis County, New York. She was living there in 1850. He served in the General Assembly in 1820.

ii. Mary, born 1779. She married James Armstrong (1779-____) and moved by 1806 to Pickney, Lewis County, New York. They were living there in 1850.

iii. Wealthy, born 1780. She married James Hunt (1778-____) and had moved by 1810 to Pinckney, Lewis County, New York, where they were living in 1850.

186. iv. John, born 10 March 1783.

187. v. Abner Brush, born 1787.

vi. Sarah, born 1 April 1794. She married Jasper Avery (1794-1865) and moved by 1820 to Pinckney, Lewis County, New York. They were living in 1830 in Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, and she died at that place 9 April 1872.

188. vii. James, born 1800.

189. viii. Elijah, born 23 July 1803, a twin.

190. ix. Elisha, born 23 July 1803, a twin.

78. ABNER[6] SCIDMORE, the son of John (no. 28) and Elizabeth Scidmore, was born 6 June 1753, and died about 1808 at Saratoga Township, Saratoga County, New York. He married Sarah, a daughter of Mathew and Lydia (_____) Coon (or McCoon); she was born 6 April 1760 at Richmond, Washington County, Rhode Island. She survived her husband and was the head of a family in 1810 in Saratoga Township.

He served as a Sergeant in the 4th Company of the 13th Regiment of the Albany County Militia (Saratoga District) in the American Revolution. On 24 March 1778 Samuel Cooper appeared before the Albany Committee of Safety and complained that Abner Skidmore had a horse which he refused to deliver, although it had been often demanded. He was a witness 22 January 1782 to the will of John Hall in Dutchess County at Beekman Precinct; Hall was the father of Benjamin Hall, Scidmore's brother-in-law. Possibly Abner Scidmore and his family had retreated to Beekman during the worst of the Revolution.

Abner Scidmore had been dead about a year when his widow Sarah petitioned on 26 January 1809 to have her dower set off of 131 1/2 acres of land that her late husband had owned in a part of a lot belonging to the Saratoga Patent then occupied by Elihu and Zophia Ward.

Children:

191. i. Abner, Jr., born 11 May 1782.
192. ii. John, born 6 December 1783.
193. iii. Mathew, born 30 December 1785.
iv. Mary, born 28 October 1787. She married John Anable (1780-1829). He taught school at Middlesex Township, Yates County, New York. She died 21 March 1871 at Three Rivers, St. Joseph County, Michigan, buried there in the Morrison Cemetery.
194. v. Solomon, born 18 November 1789.
vi. Tacy, a daughter, born 7 December 1791. Died infancy.
195. vii. George, born 21 March 1793.
196. viii. Benjamin, born 19 November 1795.

79. ZOPHAR[6] SCIDMORE, was born 30 June 1755 in New Jersey the son of John (no. 28) and Elizabeth (Brush) Scidmore, and died 7 December 1834 at Saratoga Springs, New York. He married, about 1776, Hannah, the daughter of Warren and Rebecca (_____) Carpenter, who was born 11 August 1758 and died 19 February 1850 at the home of her daughter Mary Foote in Saratoga Springs. They were members of the First Baptist Church and are buried with a part of their children in the Robbins Cemetery on East Chapman Hill.

Zophar Scidmore served as a Corporal in the 4th Company of the 13th Regiment of the Albany County Militia (Saratoga District) in the American Revolution. He was first called out about January 1776 and was marched to Johnstown in Montgomery County to fight the Indians and the British there. He was on duty there about a fortnight under the command of Major General Philip Schuyler, but there was no fighting and the men returned home. In the spring of 1777 he was again called out and marched to Fort Edward to repulse the British under Burgoyne; he was promoted there to Corporal, serving under Colonel Cornelius Van Vechten. He was called out numerous other times on similar alarms, but when he filed for a pension on 22 September 1832 his application was denied as he could not prove six months of service in the Revolutionary Army.

When his daughter Abby Scidmore was three days old (30 July 1777) she and her mother were moved 50 miles by oxcart to escape the British. They met troops moving to Saratoga for battle and Hannah Scidmore is quoted as saying: "Hurry on friends, God bless you. The enemy is close by." They retreated to New Concord near Kinderhook in Columbia County, New York. Zophar returned to Saratoga County the day before Burgoyne "gave up his sword" (17 October 1777) having heard that the surrender was imminent. He was the proprietor of Scidmore's Tavern in the summer of 1784 on the road from Schuylerville to Saratoga Springs cut through the forest to the Hudson River by Major General Philip Schuyler. His son David was an innkeeper after him.

A description of the roads in the Saratoga District in 1784 includes

Road No. 2 "continuing in much the same direction in the most convenient place to the northeast corner of Zophar Scidmore's field where he has corn this summer; thence quartering across the said field to Abner Scidmore's house; thence southwesterly up the hill in Abner Scidmore's field by his consent until it intersects what is commonly called the old six-mile line -- Saratoga Patent."

It was here that Zophar Scidmore rescued the family of Gideon Putnam and others in 1789. Putnam had built a cabin at Bemis Flats and a terrific rainstorm in the middle of the night flooded all the surrounding country. The Putnams were marooned in the darkness and the roaring water until Zophar Scidmore appeared in his sailboat towing a canoe. Tying up the boat he rowed his canoe to the door of the cabin and conveyed Mrs. Putnam and her young child to the boat. He returned for Putnam and others of their kindred and eventually ferried all of them to safety beneath his own hospitable roof on the eastern shore of Saratoga Lake. Putnam abandoned his improvement there and removed.

Warren Carpenter moved late in life to Russia Township. Herkimer County, New York, where he left a will probated 2 May 1815 remembering his daughter Hannah Sidmore.

Zophar Scidmore was appointed a Pathmaster in Saratoga Township in 1797 and continued there until about 1814 when he removed into the adjoining town of Saratoga Springs. He was living there when he applied for a pension in 1832; he was then aged 77 and too infirm to attend court. The wife Hannah was appointed his administratrix; on her petition she states that his personal property will not exceed $800.00 in value.

Children:

i. Abigail, born 27 July 1777. She married James Potter and was living in 1842.

197. ii. David, born 1 January 1780.

198. iii. Reuben, born 13 November 1782.

iv. Grace, born 30 July 1785. She married _____ Glean.

v. Zophar, born 14 February 1788. Died young.

vi. Elizabeth, born 7 April 1790. She married John Bell (1785-____). He was a farmer at Milton Township, Saratoga County, in 1820, and was living a widower at Greenfield Township in the same county in 1850.

vii. Mary, born 11 April 1793. She married (1) _____ Freeman, and (2) by 1832 Reverend Oren Foote (1796-1872). He was pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Saratoga Springs. She died 29 July 1863 aged 70 years, 3 months, and 18 days, and is buried in the Green Ridge Cemetery at Saratoga Springs.

80. JOHN[6] SKIDMORE, was born at Second River (now Belleville), Essex

County, New Jersey, the son of Samuel (no. 29) and ?Naomi (_____) Scidmore. He had died in Saddle River Township, Bergen County, New Jersey, before 10 October 1821 when an inventory was made of his estate. He married (1) Catherine De Graw, and (2) Leah Helms who survived him and was living in Saddle River Township in 1830.

John Skidmore had moved across the Passaic River from Bellville to what was then New Barbados Township (renamed Saddle River in 1794) by 1793 when he was taxed at that place. On 8 February 1797 he was a witness to the will of James Ennis of Barbados Neck. His brother-in-law Moses Tharp died at Paterson, New Jersey, and on 21 October 1799 John Skidmore was appointed an overseer of Tharp's will to serve with his nephew Nathaniel Tharp.

John Skidmore had died just previous to 10 October 1821 in Saddle River Township when the inventory of his estate was taken by Henry C. Van Houten and David Devoe. Six days later his widow Leah gave a bond of $500.00 with Van Houten and Samuel C. Helms as bondsmen to administer the estate. She was living 1 November 1836 when she gave a deed to her son Cornelius Skidmore for an eight acre lot in Saddle River Township for a consideration of $400.00.

The maternity of his children is uncertain. Possibly Cornelius H. Skidmore was the only child by his second marriage. Leah was aged 50-60 in the 1830 census.

Children: (The first eight christened at the Passaic Reformed Church)

i. Anna, born 20 August 1783. Died young.
ii. Anna (Hannah), born 25 October 1785. She married 12 June 1805 in Essex County, New Jersey, to William Ennis.
iii. Herman, born 4 February 1788. Probably died young.
iv. Samuel, born 6 January 1791. Probably died young. (He is not the Samuel Skidmore living in 1850 aged 60 in Freylinghusen Township, Warren County, New Jersey; he probably belongs to the Skidmore family of Monmouth County, New Jersey.)
v. Janet, born 19 October 1793. Died young.
vi. Sarah, born 10 August 1796. She married Francis F. Ryerson (1795-____) of Patterson, New Jersey. He was living there, a widower, in 1850.
199. vii. John, born 18 February 1800.
viii. Janet, born 14 September 1803.
200. ix. Cornelius H., no christening found, born before 1810.

81. CAPTAIN HUBBARD[6] SKIDMORE, the son of Zophar (no. 30) and Mary (Titus) Scidmore, was born 1 November 1767 at Smithtown, Suffolk County, Long Island, and died at New York City on 27 May 1841 in his 74th year.

He married (1) Hannah, a daughter of William and Sarah (Townsend) McCoun. She was born 10 July 1780 and died at Oyster Bay, Long Island, on 12 February 1815 "the loss regretted by friends and acquaintances" according to a newspaper obituary. She was a sister of William Townsend McCoun (1786-1887), Vice-Chancellor of New York and a Justice of the Supreme Court of New York. She was buried in the McCoun Cemetery at Oyster Bay, Long Island. Captain Hubbard married Hannah McCoun on 16 April 1800; after her death he married, (2) Caroline, the daughter of Thadeus and Elizabeth (Underhill) Avery. Her home was at Mt. Pleasant, Westchester County, New York, but she was born 22 January 1796 at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. They were married on 20 February 1821; she died 11 December 1837 and is buried in the old Dutch Burying Grounds at Sleepy Hollow in North Tarrytown, Westchester County, New York.

Hubbard Skidmore is said to have served as a powder boy under his father in the American Revolution, probably an apocryphal tale. He became the master of his own ship at about the age of 20. During the French War of 1796-98 he was captured by a French cruiser in the Gulf of Mexico and a prize crew and officers were put on board his ship. Later he overpowered his captors and took the ship to New Orleans where he allowed his prisoners to go ashore. His grandson, Judge James Ridgeway of New York City, owned two of the swords taken from the French officers.

On 26 May 1805 he set sail from Nantes, France, in his ship the Mississippi for New York with Chancellor Robert R. Livingston and his family among the passengers. Livingston, U. S. minister to France, was returning home having concluded the Louisiana Purchase for the country. It was a stormy voyage and when they arrived at Montauk Point on Long Island the Chancellor advised Captain Skidmore not navigate Long Island Sound at night but to "stand off to sea until morning." However the wind and tide were favorable and Skidmore knew the Sound well and the following morning (29 June 1805) he anchored his ship off the Battery in New York City to the great surprise of Livingston.

Two years later the Mississippi was wrecked off the New Jersey coast in the New York Bay after returning from Le Havre. All of the passengers and crew and a part of her cargo were saved. Among the passengers was Mrs. Mary Natt who became an intimate friend of the family and for whom one of his daughters was named.

Captain Skidmore was a strict disciplinarian, and while he insisted on prompt obedience to his commands he was liked by his crews for his invariable justice.

He moved in 1801 to New York City living first at 88 Lombardy (now Monroe) Street, where he was joined by a part of his brothers. He is called shipmaster in the early directories. He moved to Main Street, Brooklyn, in 1808, coming back to Manhattan in 1829. From that time on he is called a pilot about the port of New York continuously until his death in 1841. Portraits of Captain Hubbard and his wife Caroline are

reproduced in volume two (facing page 210) of Historic Homes and Institutions and Genealogical and Family History of New York by William S. Pelletreau (1907). Also an original silhouette of Hubbard Skidmore is tipped into the copy of Hawley's history of the family owned by the Fort Wayne and Allen County (Indiana) Public Library.

Children: (First wife)

i. A daughter, died 1 September 1802, aged 14 days.
ii. Sarah Maria, born 4 June 1804. She married 3 June 1827 James Lawrence Ridgeway (1804-1856) a packet ship owner. They lived in New York City where she died 7 December 1868.
201. iii. William Townsend, born 8 January 1808.
iv. Margaret Sexton, born 9 October 1809. She married Thomas M. Moliere of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She died 24 September 1837; buried McCoun Cemetery.
v. Mary Ann, born 17 June 1811, died 17 March 1813 an infant.
vi. Elizabeth Hannah McCoun, born 22 September 1813, died 24 January 1841 aged 27 and unmarried in New York City. Buried McCoun Cemetery.
vii. A son, died 13 February 1815 aged 14 days.

(Second wife)

viii. A son, died 10 January 1822 at 68 Lombardy Street, an infant.
ix. Caroline Lucilla, born 16 April 1824. She married 8 September 1842 at New York City to Captain Stephen D. Horton (1821-1900). They lived at Tarrytown, Westchester County, New York, where she died 18 August 1903; buried Sleepy Hollow.
x. Mary Natt. She married 25 June 1842 to Edwin D. Wilson.
xi. Estelle Emma, born 6 May 1830. She married 1 October 1850 at the South Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, to Robert Ogden Doremus (1824-1906). They lived New York City and Paris, France. She was Regent of the New York City Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution for many years; died there 21 May 1905, buried Greenwood Cemetery.

82. JOHN[6] SKIDMORE, was born 11 November 1776 at Smithtown, Suffolk County, Long Island, the son of Zophar (no. 30) and Mary (Titus) Scidmore. He is said to have never married.

He appears to be the John Skidmore who first appears as a ship carpenter in the 1803 directory living at 82 Catherine Street (corner of Lombardy, now Monroe Street). He was living on Fourth (now Allen) Street in 1805, as did Samuel Skidmore who is doubtless his brother. He is probably the John Skidmore, joiner, on Grand Street near Orchard in 1809 with Samuel Skidmore; both are missing from the directories of 1810, 1811, and 1812.

Samuel Skidmore eventually reappears, but nothing else has been learned of this John Skidmore and he presumably died in 1809 or soon after.

83. SAMUEL[6] SKIDMORE, was born 3 October 1778 at Smithtown, Suffolk County, Long Island, the son of Zophar (no. 30) and Mary (Titus) Scidmore. He died at 344 Third Avenue, New York City on 20 March 1858. He is buried in Cypress Hills Cemetery. He married Phebe Weeks on 8 October 1803 at Oyster Bay, Long Island; she was born in 1786 and died 27 March 1844 at 647 Water Street, New York City, aged 58.

Samuel Skidmore first appears in the New York City directories for 1805 as a carpenter on Fourth (now Allen) Street in a household that included his older brother John. In 1809 they are on Grand Street near Orchard, and then disappear. We find Samuel Skidmore enumerated in the 1810 census of Mamoroneck Township, Westchester County, New York. He was living in 1820 back at Brookhaven near his father, but returned to New York City in 1829 at 61 Montgomery Street (with his son Orlando Skidmore). On 1 April 1835 John H. Howland leased a house at 647 Water Street to Samuel Skidmore and he remained at this address until 1843. He seems to have been completely overlooked in the census of 1850, although he was probably living in New York City with one of his children. He died at 344 Third Avenue on 20 March 1858 but who else occupied that address is unknown.

No probate or list of heirs has ever been found for Samuel Skidmore; Hawley says he had six children but does not name them unfortunately. He appears to have had two other daughters whose names are currently unknown. It is likely that a part of his children are buried with him at Cypress Hills Cemetery, but his plot has not been traced.

Children:

202. i. Orlando, born about 1804.

ii. Samuel, born 26 November 1806. He died on Grand Street in New York City, on 24 June 1808 aged 1 year, 6 months, and 28 days. He died "By drinking hot tea out of a tea pot" according to his death record. Buried from the Bethel Baptist Church.

203. iii. Albert, born 1808.

iv. Emily A., born 1815. She was living, a spinster, with her brother Albert Skidmore in 1850 at 240 Monroe Street, New York City. In 1900 she was living, a lodger, with Sarah A. Brice at 32 Washington Street, Nyack, New York. Emily C. Hawley says (in 1911) that she died in December 1908 at Nyack, New York.

v. [A daughter, born 1815-1820?]

vi. [A daughter, born 1815-1820?]

204. vii. Captain William N., born 1824.

84. ZOPHAR[6] SKIDMORE, was born 6 April 1781 at Smithtown, Suffolk County, Long Island, the son of Zophar (no. 30) and Mary (Titus) Scidmore, and was living as late as 8 November 1813 at Norfolk, Norfolk County, Virginia, when he signed a deed. He married Jane Druit, a spinster, on 1 December 1810 at Norfolk; she married (2) John Nichols on 22 September 1820 in Norfolk City.

Zophar Skidmore is enumerated in the 1810 census of Norfolk County, Virginia, as Suffern Skidmore. On 8 November 1813 he made a deed of gift to his daughter Charlotte Skidmore of all his household furnishings, two chests, two trunks, a small boat, and a tract of unimproved land. The witnesses were Robert and Henry Culpepper. Nothing more has been learned of him.

Children:

i. Charlotte, born about 1812.
205. ii. Solomon, born about 1815.

85. JONAS TITUS[6] SKIDMORE. He was born on 19 July 1783 at Smithtown, Suffolk County, Long Island, the son of Zophar (no. 30) and Mary (Titus) Scidmore.

Emily C. Hawley (who has a good hearsay account of this family) says that he was a sailor in the War of 1812. He is not the Jonah Skidmore who was a grocer on Hester Street, corner of Norfolk, in the 1807 directory of New York City (this was the man of the same name, no. 121).

Nothing else has been learned of Jonas Titus Skidmore.

86. SOLOMON[6] SKIDMORE, was born 10 May 1785 at Smithtown, Suffolk County, Long Island, the son of Zophar (no. 30) and Mary (Titus) Scidmore, and died at sea before 18 December 1832. He married (1) Phebe, a daughter of William and Sarah (Townsend) McCoun, a sister of the wife of Hubbard Skidmore; she was born 16 June 1784 and died 28 April 1820. She is buried in the McCoun Cemetery at Oyster Bay, Suffolk County, Long Island. He married Phebe McCoun on 27 July 1817 at Oyster Bay. After her death he married (2) Susan Bacon; she was born in 1797 and was living in 1850 at Oyster Bay with her son-in-law John Van Tassell Burr.

Solomon Skidmore had removed to New York City by 1827. He is first noticed in the city directories in that year as Sullivan Skidmore, shipmaster, at 174 Madison Avenue. He was a grocer in the two following years on the Bowery at the corner of North Street. On 10 March 1828 Solomon Scidmore, and others, petitioned the Common Council for a well and pump on the west side of the Bowery near Ninth Street which was

granted. He was a rigger (back at 172 Madison) in 1830 and 1831. In 1832 he is again listed as a shipmaster and later in the year was lost at sea in command of his ship Atlantic.

The administration of his estate was given to his widow on 18 December 1832, and on the same day she was named the guardian of her daughter and stepdaughter.

Children: (First wife)

i. Phebe, born April 1822. She was living, unmarried, with her sister Sarah Burr in 1850. In 1900 she was living in the Center Street Old Ladies' Home at Richmond, Staten Island.

(Second wife)

ii. Sarah, born 1828. She married John Van Tassell Burr on 1 February 1846. They were married by the Reverend Marmaduke Earle of Oyster Bay who had also married Solomon Scidmore and his first wife. They were living at Oyster Bay, Long Island, in 1850.

87. RICHARD[6] SKIDMORE, was born 24 August 1791 at Smithtown, Suffolk County, Long Island, the son of Zophar (no. 30) and Mary (Titus) Scidmore. He married, about 1820, Susan A., the daughter of Augustus and Catherine (_____) Griffith; she was born 13 October 1801 in Connecticut, and died 11 May 1885 at St. James, Smithtown, Long Island, aged 83 years, 6 months, 29 days. Richard Skidmore died 4 January 1868 aged 77 years, 4 months according to his tombstone in the John Clerk graveyard at Head of the Harbor, Smithtown.

Richard Skidmore moved to New York City by 1831 when he is called a shipmaster and found living at 315 Delancey Street in the city directory for that year. Previous to this he had been enumerated in 1820 and 1830 in Brookhaven Township on Long Island where his father was living. He continued in New York City at a variety of addresses in Ward 13 until 1849 when he returned to Smithtown. He apparently gave up the sea about 1839 for in that year and for the next ten he is called a carter or carman in the directories; in 1839 his nephew Albert was also at the same address (77 Goerck Street).

In the 1850 census he is listed as a farmer and his mother-in-law, Catherine Griffith, was also a member of the household. In the 1860 census Richard Skidmore is called a shoemaker and he and his wife are living alone at Smithtown. No probate has been found for Richard Skidmore.

Children:

i. Frances A., born 1821. She married on 21 October 1841 in New York City, Frederick K. Griffith who is called "of Bridgeport." She died in 1911.

206. ii. Frederick Augustus, born 1824.

iii. Henry Atwill, born February 1835. He married Laura Smith (1831-1902). He died 5 August 1871 at St. James, Smithtown, Long Island, leaving issue.

88. ELNATHAN[6] SKIDMORE, was born at Newtown, Fairfield County, Connecticut, the son of Nehemiah (no. 34) and Charity (Lake) Skidmore. He died at the same place on 31 October 1801. He married Eunice, the daughter of Captain David and Penelope (Lacy) Wakelee of Brookfield; she died 5 May 1819 at Danbury, Connecticut.

Elnathan Skidmore was living in 1768 in the Lake George District of Newtown. He took the Freeman's Oath in 1770. A wheelright, he made carts and farm machinery at The Neck in Newtown.

He left a will dated 4 August 1801. It provides for his wife in her widowhood and makes his five sons his residual heirs. There were legacies to his three surviving daughters as well.

Children:

207. i. Zardis, born 1772.

ii. Lois, born 1773. She married Daniel Blackman (1764-1842) of Newtown. She died 10 May 1847 aged 75 and is buried in Taunton Cemetery at Newtown.

208. iii. David Wolcott, born 1775.

iv. Lucy, born about 1778. Second daughter, she died in young womanhood.

209. v. Isaac, born 15 September 1780.

210. vi. Nehemiah, born March 1782.

vii. Polly Ann, born 22 March 1784. She married 26 September 1804 John Thorp (1775-1852). She was living about 1870 at Toledo, Tama County, Iowa. At the age of 97 she wrote a valuable memoir of her Skidmore family.

viii. Eunice, born September 1786. She married in August 1814 David Lord Perkins (1776-1845) at the home of her sister, Mrs. Thorp, at Butternuts, Otsego County, New York. They lived at Utica, Oneida County, New York, where she died 25 September 1857.

211. ix. Sherman, born 4 May 1788.

89. LEMUEL[6] SKIDMORE, was born 16 March 1755 at Newtown, Fairfield County, Connecticut, and died 17 February 1844 at 201 Franklin Street, New York City. He was a son of Nehemiah (no. 34) and Charity (Lake) Skidmore. He married Anne (Nancy), a daughter of Aaron and Sarah

(Crooker) Burtis of Oyster Bay, Long Island; she was born 15 May 1755 in Queens County, Long Island, and died on Provost Street in New York City on 6 June 1831, aged 76 years, 2 months. They were married on 23 December 1782. They were first buried in the churchyard at St. Luke's on Hudson Street, but were later removed to Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn where their son Burtis Skidmore built a mausoleum for the family.

He is said by his niece, Polly (Skidmore) Thorp, to have served in the American Revolution in Connecticut but his name is not carried on the rolls there. In 1785 he sold two parcels of land at The Neck in the Lake George District of Newtown to his brother Amos Skidmore and probably moved in the same year to New York City. In the 1787 directory Lemuel Skidmore was a grocer at 173 Greenwich Street where he remained until 1805 when he moved to larger quarters. He is later listed as an ironmonger as well, and in 1814 he and his nephew David Wolcott Skidmore entered into a brief partnership as iron and steel merchants.

He amassed a considerable fortune in various business ventures. Lemuel Skidmore was a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church on Hudson Street in New York City.

His daughter Frances Skidmore is called "the loveliest daughter" in New York City according to a contemporary account. She married Samuel Norsworth at the age of 17.

Lemuel Skidmore made frequent trips back to Newtown to visit his family, frequently accompanied by his sons. In 1840 he anticipated making the trip from Bridgeport to New Milford on the newly completed Housatanic Railroad which had replaced the stagecoach line.

He died on 17 February 1844 at his home at 201 Franklin Street in the Fifth Ward of New York City.

Children:

i. Martha (Patty), born 1786. She married John Forbes (1771-____), and was living his widow in 1850 in the Ninth Ward of New York City, aged 65. She died 2 April 1861 at Astoria, Queens County, Long Island.

ii. Captain Lemuel L., born 1788. He was appointed an Ensign in 1813, a First Lieutenant in 1815, and Captain in 1817 in the New York County Militia. Never married; he died 29 December 1826 aged 38. Buried St. Luke's, then Greenwood Cemetery.

iii. Frances, born 1790. She married 6 November 1807 Samuel Norsworthy (1769-1828) and was living his widow in the 15th Ward, New York City, in 1850. She died 29 June 1863 and is buried in Greenwood Cemetery.

212 iv. William Burtis, born 1792.

213. v. Burtis, born 19 April 1799.

vi. Robert C., born 1803.

90. HONORABLE AMOS[6] SKIDMORE, was born in 1762 at Newtown, Fairfield County, Connecticut, the son of Nehemiah (no. 34) and Charity (Lake) Skidmore; he died at the same place on 15 April 1835 aged 73 or 74. He married Esther the daughter of James and Lucy (Hitchcock) Blackman; she died 26 February 1835 aged 73. They are buried in the Land's End Cemetery at Newtown.

Amos Skidmore took the Freeman's Oath at Newtown in 1783. He was a representative to the General Court of Connecticut in 1806, and a Selectman for Newtown in 1806, 1807, 1817, 1818, 1819, and 1820. He was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church at Newtown, and owned a farm there adjoining his father. His wife Esther Blackman was a sister of the wife of Luther Mitchell Skidmore (no. 99), a distant cousin of Amos Skidmore.

Children:

215. i. Wheeler, born 1786.

ii. James Blackman, born 1788. He never married, and lived at Morris, Ostego County, New York, with this aunt Mrs. Luther M. Skidmore where he taught school. He died 16 June 1810 at Butternuts, Otsego County, New York.

iii. Hannah Ann, born 1791. She married 10 December 1809 Philo Baldwin (1788-1865). They moved in 1825 to Le Raysville, Bradford County, Pennsylvania, where she died in 1833. He married (2) Marcia Northrop in 1843.

216. iv. Rufus, born 1795.

v. A child, died an infant on 30 November 1800.

91. ELIAS[6] SKIDMORE, was born at Newtown, Fairfield County, Connecticut, about 1755-60, the son of John (no. 35) and Mary (Prindle) Skidmore. He died on 20 May 1804 probably at New York City; his death is entered in the vital records at Newtown but probably did not occur there. He married on 21 March 1788 Mary Reed; she was living as late as 1814, still his widow, in New York City.

Elias Skidmore was a Tory during the Revolution, as were most of the family in Connecticut. At a special town meeting at Newtown on 13 November 1780 it was voted "that this meeting has no objection to the wives and families of Ephraim Betts and Elias Skidmore repairing to Long Island there to tarry with their husbands, going under the direction of the authority and selectmen." Long Island, it will be remembered, was under the occupation of the British at this time and presumably Elias Skidmore had already fled there. In 1783, at the American victory, he went with many other loyalists to New Brunswick settling at Burton in Sunbury County. Many loyalists were forced to leave because of their anti-American sentiments and their property here was confiscated; others

chose to leave because of the animosity of their neighbors.

The British undertook the task of evacuating some 35,000 people through the port of New York alone, and about a third of these went to New Brunswick. The head of each family was promised 200 acres of farmland, more if they had served in the British army. The hardships were incredible and the promises made to the loyalists were not fulfilled. On 21 December 1785 Elias Skidmore petitioned Thomas Carleton, Governor General of the Province, showing "that your memorialist has made repeated applications for land but to his great disappointment never received one foot nor no other enrollments except His Majesty's donation of provisions." He asks for the land of a certain Mr. Kemble who intended to leave New Brunswick and return to the States; whether his plea was acted upon is unknown.

Elias Skidmore left soon after. In 1790 he is enumerated in Boothbay Township, Lincoln County, Maine; a John Reid adjoining him in the census may have belonged to his wife's family.

He probably settled in New York City before 1802. The evidence strongly suggests that he is the John [sic] Skidmore, a carpenter, living at 11 East George (now Market) Street in the 1802 directory, and that the Mary Skidmore, mantua maker, who was at the same address later was his widow. Their youngest son, Andrew Reed Skidmore, was born in New York City on 20 January 1804.

The city directory of 1807 has a collection of neighbors on Charlotte (now Pike) Street: Andrew Reed, a mariner, is at no. 5 Charlotte Street, Joseph Reed, a mariner also, is at no. 7 Charlotte Street; and Mary Skidmore, mantua maker, is at no. 9 Charlotte Street -- clearly this is the widow of Elias Skidmore and her kin living together. In the census of 1810 for New York City the widow [Mary] Skidmore is found in the Seventh Ward at 40 Harman (now East Broadway). She has a household with three males under 10, one female under 10, one female 16-26, and herself over 45. She is last found in the directories in 1814, living in Neutral Alley.

The births of the children of Elias Skidmore were all recorded in the Newtown vital records, although some of them certainly were not born there. John Wooster Skidmore always gave his place of birth as Canada on 28 July 1793, and Andrew Reed Skidmore was born in New York City according to his own statement.

Children:

i. Mary, born 10 October 1789, died 19 February 1805.
ii. Huldah, born 23 February 1792, died 28 February 1798.
iii. Valerius Gratius (twin), born 28 July 1793, died 20 August 1795.
217. iv. John Wooster (twin), born 28 July 1793.

v. Anna, born 14 December 1795. [She may be the Miss Ann Skidmore who married Benjamin Marshall on 7 April 1827 in New York City.] No death is found recorded for her at Newtown.
vi. Amy, born 7 July 1798.
vii. Clarissa, born 22 February 1801.
218. viii. Andrew Reed, born 22 January 1804.

92. ABEL[6] SKIDMORE, was born in 1754 at Newtown, Connecticut, the son of John (no. 35) and Mary (Prindle) Skidmore; he died at the same place on 30 September 1846 aged 91 or 92. He married Bethia, daughter of James and Eunice (Booth) Glover, born 1763 and died 18 July 1853 aged 90 at Newtown. They are buried in the Land's End Cemetery.

Abel Skidmore took the Oath of Fidelity at Newtown in 1782 and the Freeman's Oath in 1783. He farmed at "The Neck" in the northwestern part of Newtown. Thrifty, he is said to have "acquired a fair competence." He was an Episcopalian, a member of Trinity Church, Newtown, "but not especially active in church work." He and his wife are said to have had 13 children in all, including two who died as infants.

Children:

219. i. Daniel, born 1780.
220. ii. Glover, born 1782.
221. iii. Zerah, born 15 January 1783.
iv. Annis, born 1786. She married 13 March 1803 Henry Jackson (1780-1858). They lived at Bethlehem, Litchfield County, Connecticut, where she died 22 March 1868, aged 82. She is buried in the Old Cemetery at Bethlehem.
v. Eunice Ann, born 1789. She married 3 May 1804 Samuel Blackman (1791-1868). She died 14 December 1827 aged 38; buried Land's End Cemetery.
222. vi. John, born 4 November 1793.
223. vii. James Bennett, born 1796.
viii. Mary Ann, born 1798. She married Isaac Glover Botsford (1795-1859) in September 1816 (noticed in the Connecticut Mirror of 23 September 1816). They lived at Roxbury, Litchfield County, Connecticut, where she died in 1866.
ix. Maria H., born 1801. She married John Lake, Jr. (1800-1860) in September 1824 (newspaper account, 20 September 1824). She died at Newtown on 23 November 1861 aged 60.
224. x. Abel Booth, born 1805.
225 xi. Charles, born 14 August 1808.

93. AMON[6] SKIDMORE, was born about 1760-65 at Newtown, Fairfield County, Connecticut, the son of John (no. 35) and Mary (Prindle) Skidmore. He died 20 November 1843 at Fleming Township, Cayuga County,

New York. He married Naomi, the daughter of Roger and Patience (Foote) Terrill; she was born in 1774, and died 26 September 1849, aged 75. They were married about 1791.

Amon Skidmore took the Freeman's Oath at Newtown in 1792. He had moved by 1798 to Rochester Township, Ulster County, New York, where he was enumerated in the 1800 and 1810 census. He probably lived in that part of Rochester which is now Wawarsing Township, for he qualified as a juror on 30 June 1806 in the new township formed that year having real property to the amount of £60 and being under 60 years of age. He had moved by 1820 to Fleming (then Aurelius) Township, Cayuga County, New York, where he remained until his death.

His will is dated 17 November 1843. His widow was to have the use of all his property during her lifetime and after her death it was to be sold and the money distributed among his children and the heirs of his deceased son Harmon Skidmore.

Children:

226. i. Elijah, born 22 January 1792.
ii. Lucy, born 1794. She married (by 1820) James Vernoy (Jacobus Vernooy) at Rochester Township, Ulster County, New York. They were living at Fleming Township, Cayuga County, New York, in 1843.
227. iii. Harmon, born 1796.
228. iv. James, born 7 May 1798.
229. v. Converse W., born 24 June 1800.
vi. Amanda, born 1804. She married (after 1820) Daniel Carver, Jr., and was living at Fleming Township, Cayuga County, New York, in 1843. They were living in 1860 at Reedsburg, Sauk County, Wisconsin, where he was a farmer.
230. vii. John, born 1808.
viii. Naomi, born 1810. She was living unmarried with her sister Maria Rice and her husband in 1850 at Wolcott Township, Wayne County, New York.
231. ix. William N., born 9 February 1812.
x. Harriet, born 1815. She married Eber Benedict; and was living at Fleming Township, Cayuga County, New York, in 1843. They were living in 1860 at Reedsburg, Sauk County, Wisconsin, where he was a farmer.
xi. Maria, born 8 February 1818. She married Isaac Rice (1811-1893) of Wolcott Township, Wayne County, New York. She died there in 1905; buried Glenside-Leavenworth Cemetery.

94. JAMES[6] SKIDMORE, was born in 1761 at Newtown, Fairfield County, Connecticut, the son of Lieutenant Thomas (no. 36) and Cynthia (Beers) Skidmore. He died at Sandgate, Bennington County, Vermont, on 22 August 1813, and is buried in the Sandgate Cemetery. He married Molly, the

daughter of Daniel and Mary (Northrop) Sherman of Newtown, Connecticut. She married (2) Thomas Bennett on 4 October 1817 at Sandgate, Vermont, and died 23 January 1848 at Cooperstown, Otsego County, New York. James Skidmore was aged 52 at death according to his tombstone.

He had moved to Sandgate by 1790 when James Sidmore is found at the head of a family there; his earmark ("a swaller fork in the end of the right eare and a one half-penny the upper side of the same eare") was recorded in 1792. He was a Collector at Sandgate in 1797, 1798, and 1799, and a Highway Surveyor in 1793 and 1800.

The administration on his estate was given to Molly and Zerah Skidmore at the Probate Court at Manchester, Vermont, on 4 October 1813. In 1833 Molly Bennett of Newtown, Connecticut, gave a quitclaim deed to her son Philo Skidmore of her dower in a dwelling house and a half acre of land at Sandgate.

Children:

i. Lucy, born about 1782. She married David Prindle on 26 September 1802 at Sandgate, and they were living in 1820 at that place. She was dead by 1848.

232. ii. Philo, born 1784.

233. iii. Zerah, born 1790.

234. iv. Dr. Rufus, born 1793.

v. A child, died 17 July 1798. Buried from the Congregational Church, Sandgate.

235. vi. Sherman, born 1798.

vii. Maria (Polly), born 1803. She married Lewis Hinman (1798-____) on 4 January 1826 at Newtown, Connecticut. They were living in 1848 at Cooperstown, Otsego County, New York, and also in 1860.

95. DANIEL[6] SKIDMORE, was born 7 February 1765 at Newtown, Fairfield County, Connecticut, the son of Lieutenant Thomas (no. 36) and Cynthia (Beers) Skidmore. He died 4 October 1831 at Norfolk, St. Lawrence County, New York, aged 66. He married on 4 May 1784 Currence, the daughter of Daniel and Abigail (Northrop) Baldwin; she was a sister of the wife of John Skidmore (no. 96). She was born 12 October 1765.

Daniel Skidmore was enumerated in the 1790 census at Newtown, and also at Sandgate, Bennington County, Vermont (the federal census for Vermont was not taken until 1791). His earmarks were recorded at Sandgate in 1802, but sometime after this date he moved to Arlington in the same county. He was at Arlington, Bennington County, Vermont, in the 1810 census, and in 1820 was at Brandon (then Bangor) Township, Franklin County, New York. On 24 January 1827 James and Clarissa Dutton of Norfolk, St. Lawrence County, New York, for $350.00 sold to Daniel Skidmore 33.08 acres of land in lot no. 21 of the Morris tract in Norfolk

Township on the west bank of the Raquette River on the road from Norfolk to Potsdam. He is found on this tract in the 1830 census.

There were eight heirs to Daniel Skidmore, who died intestate. The heirs gave quit claim deeds to his land and there is no problem in identifying the eldest seven of his children. The eighth heir was Sarah, wife of Daniel Thurston of Brasher Township, St. Lawrence County, New York. She was born in Vermont in 1820, and is clearly not a daughter of Currence (Baldwin) Skidmore. She must either be by a second wife, much younger, or may be a granddaughter of Daniel Skidmore.

Children: (Maternity of the last uncertain)

236. i. Lysander, born 1785.
ii. Nancy, born 1787. She married Joseph Bartlett (1786-____). He was living at Norfolk in 1854 she was his widow at the same place in 1860 aged 75.
iii. Betsey, born 1789. She married Isaac Joy; they were living in 1840 at Brandon, Franklin County, New York. Not found in the 1850 census.
iv. Anna, born 1790. She married Daniel Bennett (1775-1846) andwas living his widow in 1855 at Colesville, Broome County, New York, aged 65. She is buried in the Coles Hill Cemetery, Colesville, but no tombstone survives for her there.
v. Polly, born 1793. She married Daniel S. Dayton and was living in 1851 in Reach Township, Ontario County, Ontario, Canada. She was the head of a household there in the 1861 census, aged 68, a widow.
237. vi. Dr. Carlos, born 8 November 1794.
vii. A child, died 17 July 1798 at Sandgate.
viii. A child, died 21 July 1798 at Sandgate.
ix. Cynthia, born 2 November 1800. She married Abner Clark (1796-1876) on 8 January 1823. He was a farmer at Madrid Township, St. Lawrence County, New York. She died there 1 February 1868.
x. A child, died 6 April 1802 at Sandgate.
xi. Sarah, born 1820. She married Daniel Thurston (1822-____), a cooper of Brasher Township, St. Lawrence County, New York. (On 24 June 1854 they signed a quit claim deed conveying their interest in land formerly owned by Daniel Skidmore, deceased.)

96. JOHN[6] SKIDMORE, was born in 1767 at Newtown, Fairfield County, Connecticut, the son of Lieutenant Thomas (no. 36) and Cynthia (Beers) Skidmore. He died at New York City on 3 February 1820 and was buried in Potter's Field. He married Mary Ann (Polly), the daughter of Daniel and Abigail (Northrop) Baldwin; she was a sister of the wife of his older brother Daniel Skidmore (no. 95). She was born 23 December 1771, and

died at the home of a son at Seneca Falls, New York, in 1866.

John Skidmore took the Freeman's Oath at Newtown in 1786. He is not found listed in the 1790 census. On 21 September 1807 a John and Polly Skidmore (presumably this couple) gave a mortgage at Salem Township, Westchester County, New York. In 1810 John Skidmour was the head of a household at Sandgate Township, Bennington County, Vermont. He had moved to New York City by 1820, and may be the John Skidmore, carpenter, at the upper end of Elizabeth Street in the 1817 directory. Emily C. Hawley has a hearsay account of his family; she says that he was a carpenter and builder in New York City. His widow survived him for many years; she lived at several different addresses about the Eleventh Ward. In the 1830 census she is enumerated at 41 Attorney Street (near Broome). She lived for a time at 286 Broome Street (near Eldridge) and is there lastly in the city directory for 1837. She left New York City in 1846 to live with her son Darius at Seneca Falls, New York. She was enumerated there in the 1860 census, aged 89, in his household.

Children:

238. i. Thomas, born 13 August 1790.
239. ii. Zenas, born 4 December 1791.
240. iii. Philo, born 1793.
241. iv. Hiram.
v. Laura. She is said by Emily C. Hawley to have married _____ Mills. Nothing else known.
242. vi. Beers, born 1802.
vii. Zaida, born 1804. She married Rhesa Griffin (1799-___). They were living at 1 Water Street, New York City, in 1829, and moved later to Geneva, Ontario County, New York. They were living in the first ward of Syracuse, Onondaga County, New York in 1850; she died there 26 March 1889 and is buried in Glenwood Cemetery.
243. viii. Darius, born 1808.

97. JOHN[6] SKIDMORE, was born at South Hempstead, Queens County, Long Island, in 1774, the son of Whitehead (no. 37) and Jane (Doughty) Skidmore. He died in New York City about January 1845 according to a notice in the Long Island Star. He married on 18 November 1797 at St. George's, Hempstead, to Deborah Higby. She was born about 1770 and died 7 September 1820 on Lewis Street in New York City, aged 50. She was buried from St. Paul's Church, New York City.

John Skidmore was enumerated in the 1800 census at South Hempstead, but moved almost immediately thereafter to Brooklyn. He is in Brooklyn at the time of the 1810 census, and on 18 September 1811 Whitehead Cornell of Brooklyn assigns a lot in Brooklyn to John Skidmore and William Cornwell [sic] both of that place also. The two grantees were creditors of Whitehead Cornell; he owed John Skidmore the sum of $45.00.

John Skidmore had moved to New York City by 1815; in that year he is first found in the directories as a mariner at 17 Pike Street. On 13 January 1817 the correction of a nuisance, a privy, was ordered at 17 Pike Street; Losey Van Nostrand was the owner, and John Skidmore was the occupant. He was a widower in the 1820 census living on Lewis Street in the Tenth Ward; in his household was a son aged 10-16, and two daughters under 10. He had moved by 1822 to Columbia Street (near Delancey) where he remained for several years; he is now listed as a shipwright.

He died at 227 Lewis Street, a ship carpenter, a few days previous to 28 January 1845 aged 71, according to a brief notice in the Long Island Star. There was no probate on his estate. Our principal authority for the list of his children is the baptismal records of St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn.

Children:

i. [A daughter, born about 1799, living 1810?]
ii. Whitehead, born 13 April 1801. He was christened 16 May 1802 at St. Ann's, Brooklyn. The sponsors were the father and Sarah Van Nostrand. He died in New York City on 29 August 1830 aged 29.
iii. Stephen, born 15 June 1803. He was christened 25 September 1803 at St. Ann's, Brooklyn, the sponsors being the father and Martha Skidmore. Died 4 October 1803.
244. iv. John Van Nostrand, born 2 January 1805.
v. [A daughter, born 1800-1810.]
vi. Jane, born 26 September 1809. She was christened 10 June 1810 at St. Ann's, Brooklyn.
vii. [A daughter, born 1810-1820?]
viii. [A daughter, born 1810-1820?]

98. JEREMIAH[6] SKIDMORE, was born at Jamaica, Queens County, Long Island, the son of Major John (no. 38) and Mary (De Mott) Skidmore. He died 5 January 1821 at Brooklyn, Kings County, New York, but his body was returned for burial in Prospect Cemetery, Jamaica. He married on 17 March 1791 at Jamaica to Phebe, daughter of Joseph and Miriam (Alburtis) Oldfield of Jamaica. She was born 24 August 1772 and died at Brooklyn on 27 October 1853 aged 81 years, 2 months, 3 days; buried Prospect Cemetery, Jamaica.

On 22 September 1805 Jeremiah and Phebe Skidmore sold to Michael Skidmore, all of Jamaica, for $1800.00 their one half interest in several tracts in Hempstead and Jamaica, including 27 acres on the south side of the road from the Jamaica town spot to the Hempstead Plains. This was, presumably, the bulk of the land owned by their father on Long Island.

Jeremiah Skidmore was a School Commissioner for Jamaica in 1813. He bought a pew at auction in 1814 at the First Presbyterian Church of Jamaica. He had moved to Brooklyn by 1819 and is enumerated there in the 1820 census on Main Street. He died there on 5 January 1821, and the administration of his estate was given on 18 June 1821 in Kings County.

His tombstone is no longer standing in Prospect Cemetery. A fragment shows that he died "in the 50th year of his age."

Children:

i. Mary, baptized 3 June 1792. She married 30 May 1811 Reverend Charles S. Lord (1788-1868) at the First Presbyterian Church, Jamaica. He was pastor of the Brookfield Presbyterian Church at Brookhaven, Long Island, in 1853.

ii. Catherine, baptized 26 November 1797. She married (1) Thomas Whitehead Cornell (1782-1818) on 31 December 1814; and (2) Philip P. Moore (1788-1826), of Newtown. She was a widow at Newtown in 1850, and died there 21 January 1871. She and her second husband are buried in the Newtown Presbyterian Cemetery.

iii. Phebe, baptized 4 September 1803. She married (1) William Cornwell on 6 January 1826, and (2) William T. Hendrikson. They were living at Brooklyn in 1853.

99. LUTHER MITCHELL[6] SKIDMORE, was born 17 February 1772 at Jamaica, Queens County, Long Island, the son of Major John (no. 38) and Mary (De Mott) Skidmore. He died on 5 March 1843 at Morris, Otsego County, New York. He married at Milford, New Haven County, Connecticut, on 19 December 1792 Martha, the daughter of James and Lucy (Hitchcock) Blackman, a sister of the wife of Amos Skidmore (no. 90). She was born 19 December 1771 at Newtown, Connecticut, and died 21 March 1855 at Morris. She was living with her daughter Mary Jackson at Morris in 1850, aged 74. They are buried in the Old Church Burying Ground.

Luther M. Skidmore left home after his father's second marriage going to Newtown, Fairfield County, Connecticut, where he had distant relatives. In 1795 he and his wife moved to Butternuts Township, Otsego County, New York, where he became an extensive landowner. They were joined there by James Blackman, his brother-in-law, who owned a farm adjoining Luther M. Skidmore's land.

In 1805 Luther M. Skidmore returned to Newtown to settle up his father-in-law's estate. On his return he stopped in New York City to visit his brother Joseph Skidmore and learned for the first time of his father's death at Jamaica in the previous year.

Luther M. Skidmore had shares in woolen and cotton factories at Morris, where he also owned a store. He also had business interests in Chautauqua County, New York. He was enumerated at Butternuts Township, Otsego County, in every census from 1800 to 1840. His will was proved there on 1 April 1843.

He and his wife were members of the Episcopal Church. Sabbath is said to have been strictly observed in his house from sundown on Saturday night until Sunday evening. All but religious books were set aside and the entire family attended every service.

Children:

245. i. Wolcott, born 19 January 1794.
ii. Beers, born 1795. Died an infant at Newtown.
246. iii. Ira, born October 1796.
iv. Russell, born 1799. He died unmarried at Butternuts Township, Otsego County, New York, on 1 October 1824 aged 25.

100. CAPTAIN MICHAEL[6] SKIDMORE, was born 9 January 1775 at Jamaica, Queens County, Long Island, the son of Major John (no. 38) and Mary (De Mott) Skidmore, and died at the same place 21 March 1852, aged 77 years, 2 months, and 12 days. His tombstone in Prospect Cemetery says "A soldier's grave." He married in 1798 Jane, a daughter of Joseph and Miriam (Alburtis) Oldfield of Jamaica, and a sister of the wife of Jeremiah Skidmore (no. 98). She was born in 1778 and died 15 December 1864 aged 86 years, 8 months, and 13 days. She is buried beside her husband in Prospect Cemetery.

He was named for his maternal grandfather, Michael De Mott. His father owned the greater part what is now Hollis, Long Island, and Michael purchased his brother Jeremiah's half interest in 1805. He lived in his father's house there until his death. He was an Ensign in 1796 and a Captain in 1804 in the Queens County Militia, and served in the War of 1812.

He subscribed $2.00 to the building of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Jamaica in 1809. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church at Jamaica where he bought a pew in 1814 at auction. He was a Trustee of the church in 1818 and also served as Deacon. Michael Skidmore was Vice President of the United Foreign Missionary Society formed on the eve of 1 January 1821 at the Reformed Church at Jamaica "to evangelize our Western Indians."

He was appointed, with two others, in 1830 to divide Jamaica into 10 road districts.

His will probated on 21 April 1852 mentions his grandsons George and

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Charles Skidmore.

Children:

247. i. John, born 20 April 1799.
ii. Phebe, born 9 August 1801. She married on 6 May 1824 Benjamin Bergen at Hollis. She died 11 January 1834 and is buried in Prospect Cemetery. He married (2) Elizabeth Jones on 13 December 1836.

101. JOSEPH[6] SKIDMORE, was born in 1778 at Jamaica, Queens County, Long Island, the son of Major John (no. 38) and Mary (De Mott) Skidmore. He died at New York City on Reade Street on 21 February 1813, in his 35th year (newspaper obituary) or aged 36 (death record). He married on 12 June 1802 at the Reformed Dutch Church in New York City, Jane Walker, who survived him. She is probably the Jane Skidmore who died 8 August 1825 in the Almshouse in New York City aged 50 and a native of New York.

Joseph Skidmore appears first in the New York City directories in 1804 as a shoemaker on Third Street near Pump (both renamed, this is now Eldridge Street near Canal). In the 1805 directory he is described as a "manufacturer of fine shoes." In 1812 he was at 115 Division Street (between Eldridge and Allen) and was living on Reade Street at his death in the year following. He is not found in the censuses of 1800 or 1810, nor was his widow the head of a household in the 1820 census.

His death is noticed in the New York Weekly Museum of 27 February 1813 which says only that he died after a brief illness in his 35th year. There was no probate recorded for him either in New York or Queens Counties, and we have not found any children that can be assigned to this couple.

102. JOHN[6] SKIDMORE, was born in New York City on 23 May 1766, the son of Thomas (no. 41) and Jane (Wright) Skidmore, and died there 28 October 1821 on John Street, aged 56 years, 5 months. He was buried in St. Paul's Churchyard. He married (1) in Albany, New York, Ann, the daughter of Patrick and Cornelia (Waldron) Clark, and (2) Sarah Wilson on 18 October 1800 at Christ Episcopal Church, New York City. She died at Brooklyn, Long Island, on 14 February 1847 as the widow of John Skidmore and in her 80th year. She died, perhaps, at the home of Mott Skidmore in Brooklyn who we assume was her son or stepson. (No other reason can be found for her removal in her old age to Brooklyn.) Her place of burial has not been found.

John Skidmore, carpenter, sold three city lots in Albany beginning on 20 June 1797 when he conveyed a dwelling house and lot on Hudson Street to Abraham Mynderse for £325. On 14 March 1798 he sold a lot on Plain Street to Benjamin Lattimore for £150, and still a third close to these

on 2 March 1799. It was also on Hudson Street, and went to Peter Rosekrans for $500 to include a dwelling and a stable. No title is cited in any of these deeds, and we do not know how he came by them. There are no deeds in Albany County in which John Skidmore (or his father before him) appears as a grantee.

John Skidmore must have removed immediately to New York City for he is enumerated there in the census of 1800 in the Third Ward. Possibly he had moved to New York City some time before these deeds were signed, although he is called "of Albany" in all of them. He is first found in the city directories in 1803 as a grocer at 349 Water Street. In the year following he had moved his grocery to 87 Bowery Lane where it continues until 1811. On 8 April 1805 John Skidmore, a grocer in the Seventh Ward, was a juror for the Supreme Court of New York sitting at New York City. In 1812 he was running a porterhouse at 70 Vesey Street which he operated at a variety of addresses until 1820. In 1821 he had a boarding house at 25 John Street where he died in the same year. In the 1820 census he is the head of a household including himself and his wife (both over 45), a female 10-16, and 10 males 26-45 (presumably his boarders). His widow operated the boarding house after his death; she is last noticed at 29 Dey Street in 1827.

There was no probate on the estate of this John Skidmore. Two daughters are known from church records, and in addition to these the census records suggest that John Skidmore had a son born between 1794 and 1800. This son we identify with a Mott Skidmore who had a porterhouse in 1834 at 161 Chatham Street, and was later a grocer in Brooklyn (both businesses might have been learned from his father). Taken with the fact that Sarah Skidmore died inexplicably at Brooklyn in 1847 where Mott Skidmore is the only unidentified Skidmore in that year, adds up to a circumstantial case short of proof. (It would be interesting know also how Mott Skidmore came by his distinctive Christian name.)

Children: (First wife)

i. Jane, born 13 November 1794. She was christened at the Reformed Dutch Church, Albany. Probably died an infant, not found in the 1800 census.

248. ii. A son, born 1794-1800, living 1810, probably Mott.

(Second wife)

iii. Ann, born 23 June 1801. She was christened at Christ Episcopal on 15 July 1801, and was married at the same church on 1 December 1818 to Orlando D. Chandler (1796-1878). They were living in the Second Ward of Elizabeth, Union County, New Jersey, in 1860. She died 31 May 1862 at Mulford Station, Elizabeth, and is buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Fern Hill.

103. GEORGE HARVEY[6] SKIDMORE, was born 10 July 1868 in New York City, the son of Thomas (no. 41) and Jane (Wright) Skidmore.

He was a merchant at New York City in partnership with his younger brother Paul Skidmore. In 1798 they were in business at 222 Pearl Street and 121 Water Street, and in 1800 at 101 Maiden Lane. He is not found a head of a family in the 1800 census, and nothing is known of him after this date. There was no probate on his estate in New York City.

104. PAUL[6] SKIDMORE, was born in New York City, the son of Thomas (no. 41) and Mary (_____) Skidmore. He died December 1817 in New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana. He married (1) Sabina Burrell, and (2) Frances Mathilda, the daughter of Owen and Ann (Clark) Gwathmey. She was born 18 January 1793 and died 20 September 1861, and is buried in the Cave Hill Cemetery, Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky. She married (2) Hezekiah Jones (1782-1822) on 2 May 1819 at Louisville, Kentucky. She was a niece of General George Rogers Clark; her mother Ann was the eldest sister of the General.

Paul Skidmore was a partner with his brother George Harvey Skidmore in a store first noticed in the New York City directories in 1798; G. Skidmore disappears after 1800. Paul Skidmore, merchant, is listed in 1801, 1802, and 1803. He probably removed in that year or soon after to Kentucky; in 1805 he appears for the first time on the tax list of Montgomery County, Kentucky. On 15 February 1810 he had a survey of 262 1/2 acres on the main branch of the Licking in Montgomery County, and is enumerated there in the census taken in that year. On 10 July 1810 Elijah Noble mortgaged to Paul Skidmore five sets of blacksmithing tools in his two shops, as well as his stud horse Flag of Truce (lately bought from the said Skidmore) and a bond of Skidmore's for $400 worth of merchandise which is deposited in the hands of Francis Drake; this was signed probably at Lexington, Kentucky, and was recorded in Fayette County.

On 21 March 1811 James C. Williamson wrote to Henry Clay about collecting seven notes for $50 each given by Paul Skidmore at New York payable to J. Foley. He writes further "that the drawer [Skidmore], is now in Kentucky & in such Circumstance as will enable him, without inconvenience to pay them I will thank you to take such means, as you may think proper to collect the amount." In Fayette County on 27 May 1815 Paul Skidmore mortgaged personal property to William Burrell (doubtless some kin of his first wife), and on 31 January 1816 William Smith, a trustee, gave a deed to Paul Skidmore for two lots in Lexington with a 100 feet fronting on Upper Street. He appears to have already moved by this date to Louisville, Kentucky, for in January 1816 he was one of the Presbyterians there who called Daniel C. Banks to be their minister.

In February 1817 the act incorporating the Louisville City Hospital

named him one of the founders. He is also said to have started the first iron foundry in Louisville in 1812.

The will of Paul Skidmore was signed at New Orleans on 4 December 1817 and was proved there 11 December 1817. It was recorded at Louisville on 12 August 1818. It left one third of his estate to his wife Frances Matilda, one third to his son John, and one third to his daughters Eliza Bethea, Sarah Ann, and Ann Clark Jones. His wife was to receive the certain rents and other income until his son John came of age. The executors were his wife and John Gwathmey.

The New York Evening Post notes the death of Paul Skidmore at Louisville in the issue of 26 January 1818. Curiously, it says he was "a native of London."

Children: (First wife)

i. Sarah Ann. She married (1) John B. L. Agnew; the Lexington Observer of 30 May 1832 calls her of Lexington, daughter of the late Paul Skidmore, and (2) at Lexington on 23 July 1835 Reverend Jared Avery (1804-1885). She removed to Groton, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, from Kentucky with him and died at Willimanic, Windham County, Connecticut, on 12 April 1880. He was a Congregational minister, and a graduate of Williams College in 1830.

ii. Eliza Bethia. Nothing else known.

iii. John. A minor in 1817, nothing else known.

(Second wife)

iv. Ann Clark Jones, born 15 December 1816. She died 26 November 1822 at Louisville, Kentucky. She is buried in Cave Hill Cemetery near her mother.

105. THOMAS[6] SKIDMORE, was born in 1762 in Kent County, Delaware, the son of Dr. Samuel (no. 44) and Elizabeth (Merony) Skidmore. He married Sarah, a daughter of Jonathan and Sarah (Wilson) Neal [Neil], Sr., of Kent County.

At the Hall of Records at Dover is a document headed "Value of the Yearly Rents and Prophets of the Lands and Tenements of Thomas Skidmore of Kent County, a Miner" dated 24 May 1775. This was apparently drawn up after his mother petitioned on 28 February 1775 that Philip Barrat be appointed guardian of her son Thomas Skidmore in accordance with his father's will. The young Thomas was then under 14 years of age, according to her statement.

Thomas died in March 1789. He left a will dated 6 March 1789 mentioning his wife Sally and her unborn child. She was appointed his executor.

The witnesses were Timothy Caldwell, John George, Joseph Alford, and it was probated on 21 March 1789.

Child:

i. [A child, born 1789.]

106. WILLIAM[6] SKIDMORE, born 21 August 1764 at Jamaica, Queens County, Long Island, the son of John (no. 45) and Mary (Denton) Skidmore. He died 24 February 1845 aged 80 years, 6 months, 3 days at New Utrecht, Kings County, New York, and is buried with his wife in the Reformed Churchyard on Flatbush Avenue in Brooklyn, Long Island. He married on 13 January 1799 at the First Presbyterian Church, Newtown, Long Island, Elizabeth, a daughter of Peter Vandervort. She was born 24 August 1771 and died 29 March 1842.

William Ludlum, who died in 1766 left £10 in his will to his grandson (actually great-grandson) William Skidmore. On 13 August 1794 William Skidmore, miller, of Newtown sold to Edward Barden of Jamaica, yeoman, for £462 10sh a tract of 18 acres in Jamaica near William Ludlum and John Roades, the witness being Abraham Ditmas (his stepfather) and Aaron Van Nostrand. William Skidmore appears to have been the only heir to his father from this deed.

He went soon after to Greenwich, Fairfield County, Connecticut, where he was enumerated in the 1800 census; all three of his children were born here. He was still there on 6 June 1815 when he took an inventory at Greenwich, but had returned to Long Island settling at Flatlands by 1820. He was living at New Utrecht in 1840, and died there on 24 February 1845. He was a prosperous farmer at New Utrecht; in the 1840 census six persons in his household (including four free colored) were engaged in agriculture.

Children:

i. Mary Ann, born 20 June 1800. She married 12 July 1821 at the Reformed Dutch Church at Jamaica, James V. Schoonmaker (1791-1879) and lived at Flatbush, Kings County, New York. She died there 10 March 1879.

ii. John Vandervort, born 15 January 1803. A ship carpenter, he was living unmarried with his only sister in 1870. He died at Flatbush on 11 December 1871.

249. iii. Peter Vandervort, baptized 30 November 1805.

107. CAPTAIN WILLETT[6] SKIDMORE, was born at Flushing, Queens County, Long Island, on 6 October 1765, the son of Samuel (no. 46) and Abigail (Whitehead) Skidmore. He died 25 December 1851 at the same place, and is buried with his wife in Prospect Cemetery, Jamaica. He married

Elizabeth, daughter of Martin and Phebe (Rapelye) Johnson of Jamaica. According to their tombstones he died aged 86 years, 2 months, 19 days, and she was aged 63 years, 9 days at death.

On 9 March 1785 he was a petitioner (with others) from Flushing to the New York State Legislature asking that a courthouse be established at Jamaica. Willett Skidmore was an Ensign in Company No. 9 for Jamaica in 1786, a Lieutenant of Light Infantry in 1793, and Captain of Light Infantry in 1804.

He lived on a farm two miles east of Jamaica. In 1803 he, his brother John Skidmore, and his son-in-law James Lawrence occupied pew no. 30 in Grace Church.

His will was probated on 19 January 1852. It remembers his wife Elizabeth, his two children both of Flushing, and his brother John Skidmore.

Children:

i. Abigail Ann, born 24 May 1811. Died an infant 11 December 1813 and buried the day following at Grace Church.
ii. Phebe Rapelye, baptized 9 February 1813. She married 23 December 1833 James Lawrence, a farmer of Flushing, at the Dutch Reformed Church of Jamaica.
250. iii. Samuel, born 31 March 1815.

108. JOHN[6] SKIDMORE, was born 27 December 1778 at Flushing, the son of Samuel (no. 46) and Abigail (Whitehead) Skidmore. He died 26 November 1863 at Union Place, Flushing. He married (1) on 20 December 1798 at St. George's, Hempstead, Susanna, daughter of Samuel and Susanna (Hewlett) Treadwell, and (2) Elizabeth, the daughter of David and Nancy (Kissam) Allen. His first wife was born 15 January 1777 and died 2 February 1804; his second wife was born 20 March 1778 and died 31 December 1859. John Skidmore and both of his wives are buried in Grace Churchyard, Jamaica.

He subscribed $100 to the rebuilding of Grace Church in 1861; he was a Vestryman in 1804 and Churchwarden and Treasurer from 1832 to 1843. All three of his sons attended Union Hall Academy in Jamaica and all three became merchants.

Children:

251. i. Samuel Treadwell, born 7 January 1801.
252. ii. General James Henderson, born 4 March 1802.
253. iii. David William, born 28 March 1808.

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109. JAMES[6] SKIDMORE, was born 12 June 1771 at South Hempstead, Queens County, Long Island, the son of Andrew (no. 47) and Judith (Rogers) Skidmore. He died 24 August 1834 aged 63 years, 2 months, 12 days, and is buried in the Methodist Ground, Potter's Corners, LaGrange Township, Dutchess County, New York. He married Elizabeth, the daughter of Zophar Rogers of Beekman; she was born 15 April 1775 and died 20 November 1862 aged 87 years, 7 months, 5 days. She is buried beside her husband. In the 1860 census she is living with her son Zophar R. Skidmore, and is then given as aged 87.

The will of Zophar Rogers of Beekman, who died in 1800, mentions his daughter Elizabeth Skidmore and his friend Andrew Skidmore.

On 10 June 1835 Elizabeth Skidmore and her sons Harvey and Zophar R. Skidmore sell land in Union Vale to Andrew J. Skidmore. Andrew J. Skidmore moved to Maryland in 1847 and his two sisters Elizabeth and Phebe are also said to have gone to that state. Only one daughter is found in the census returns, born about the year 1800, and this hearsay information may be wrong. It is also perhaps significant that this daughter did not join in the deed of 1835.

Children:

254. i. Andrew J., born 1798.
ii. [A daughter, born about 1800.]
255. iii. Zophar Rogers, born 1802.
256. iv. Harvey Orris, born 1806.

110. ANDREW[6] SKIDMORE, born in 1775, was the son of Andrew (no. 47) and Judith (Rogers) Skidmore. He died at Beekman Township, Dutchess County, New York, in 1852, aged 77. He married Elizabeth, the daughter of Thomas Clapp of Beekman; she was born about 1767 and died in November 1838, aged 71. They are buried in the Clove Cemetery, Union Vale, New York.

Andrew Skidmore was a man of great physique and weighed 280 pounds. This family was members of the Oswego Monthly Meeting.

Children:

257. i. Jesse, born 1797.
258. ii. Andrew Akin, born 31 October 1798.
iii. Judith, born 22 May 1801. She married Gideon W. Downing (1798-1864) of Pleasant Valley, Dutchess County, New York. She died 3 June 1854; buried Friends' Ground, Pleasant Valley.
259. iv. James C., born 28 December 1803.

111. SAMUEL[6] SKIDMORE, born 19 November 1766 at South Hempstead, Queens County, Long Island, the son of Nathan (no. 49) and Sarah (Smith) Skidmore. He died in January 1828 at Hungry Harbor, South Hempstead. He married (1) Martha, the daughter of Samuel and Jane (Smith) Hicks, and (2) Merrium Southard, who was previously the widow of James Burtis.

He is enumerated in the censuses of 1800, 1810, and 1820 at South Hempstead. On 5 February 1824 Samuel and Marium Skidmore and Benjamin and Mary Waldron of Harlem, sell four acres on the south side of the road from Foster's Meadow to Rockaway to Joseph S[kidmore] Wright for $275.00. After Samuel Skidmore's death we find that Marium Skidmore, his widow, and previously the relict of James Burtis, deceased, sold to her son James Burtis several tracts in Queens County for a consideration of $1.00.

Children: (First wife)

260. i. Stephen Hicks, born 3 September 1787.
ii. Elizabeth, born 4 December 1790. She married Stephen Johnson, a farmer on 12 April 1824. They were living at South Hempstead in 1850.
261. iii. Smith, born 1802.

112. WALTER[6] SKIDMORE, born 4 May 1769 at South Hempstead, Queens County, Long Island, the son of Nathan (no. 49) and Sarah (Smith) Skidmore, and died at Pleasant Valley, Dutchess County, New York, on 22 July 1851 aged 82 years, 2 months, 18 days. He married in 1795 Sarah, the daughter of Captain Jesse and Mary (Schofield) Bell; she was born at Stamford, Fairfield County, Connecticut, on 24 November 1773 and died 16 March 1840 aged 67. They are buried in the Reformed Dutch Churchyard at Hyde Park, New York.

Walter Skidmore was baptized on 25 June 1769 by the Reverend John Close. He had seven daughters, of whom six survived him; his deceased daughter Catherine Culver had daughters Almira and Jane who were heirs of their grandfather in 1851. Walter Skidmore was elected a Fence Viewer on 1 April 1800 and again on 7 April 1801. He was an Overseer of Highways on 6 April 1802, all in Clinton Township, Dutchess County. On the assessment list of the town on 12 June 1801 he was taxed $1.31 on $385.00 in real property and $200.00 in personal property.

All of his children from James Harvey to Catherine were christened at one time on 15 December 1809 at the Presbyterian Church in Pleasant Valley.

Walter Skidmore was living, age 83, with his daughter Sarah Hyser at Hyde Park in the 1850 census. His will is dated 16 October 1849. He calls himself aged 80 and upwards, and directs that suitable head and foot stones be set to his grave. His son Smith Skidmore is to have the

interest from $300.00 during his lifetime, and then at his decease $200.00 is to go to Smith's son Timothy and $100.00 to his daughter Elizabeth. Smith is given $30.00 to defray his expenses in coming here and returning home; "I have amply provided for him in my life." To his daughter Susan he left his household furnishings, his watch, and the use of his house and lot during the time that she remains single. At her marriage or pleasure all his real and personal property was to be sold and the money divided among his six daughters and two granddaughters by Catherine Culver, deceased. The executors were Daniel I. Ward, and Calvert Canfield.

Children:

262. i. Smith, born 11 September 1798.

ii. James Harvey, born 5 April, 1800. He died a bachelor at Hyde Park on 8 October 1833, and is buried in the Reformed Dutch Churchyard there. Administration given to his father, the only heir, on 2 November 1833.

iii. Maria, born 30 November 1801. She married William H. Brown (1797-1881), a farmer at Hyde Park. She died 1 July 1833 at Hyde Park.

iv. Sarah (Sally), born May 1802. She married Joseph Hyzer, a carpenter. They were living at Pleasant Valley, Dutchess County, New York, in 1860.

v. Elizabeth, born 25 January 1805. She married Charles Lacy, a mason. They were living in the city of Poughkeepsie in 1850.

vi. Jane Ann, born 31 December 1806. She married Daniel I. Ward (1806-1865). They were living at Pleasant Valley in 1850. She died in 1898.

vii. Catherine, born 10 November 1808. She married John A. Culver (1809-____) on 21 October 1834 at the First Reformed Dutch Church, Poughkeepsie. She died 29 February 1840 and is buried in the Reformed Dutch Churchyard, Hyde Park. He married (2) Elizabeth Brown, and was living in 1897.

viii. Comfort C., baptized 6 February 1812 at the Pleasant Valley Presbyterian Church. Died young.

ix. Ellen, baptized 28 October 1813. She married Thomas Humphrey. They lived at Westmoreland, Oneida County, New York, in 1850.

x. Susan, baptized 13 March 1817. She was living unmarried at Pleasant Valley in 1860. [Her age is wrongly stated in both the 1850 and 1860 census.]

113. WILLIAM WILLIAMS[6] SKIDMORE, was christened at South Hempstead, Queens County, Long Island on 27 October 1771, the son of Nathan (no. 49) and Sarah (Smith) Skidmore. He was living as late as 15 October 1799 at Flatlands, Kings County, New York.

On 1 October 1796 William and Potter Skidmore were living at Flatlands, Kings County, in a house 34 x 34' in old condition valued at $550.00, with a barn 48 x 52' with new shingles on 102 acres valued (barn and land) at $2550.00. The farm was owned by Sarah Wycoff, with the Skidmores as tenants.

The diary of John Baxter of Flatlands mentions the Skidmores on several occasions. On 19 May 1798 he notes that he wrote a will for Sarah Skidmore; this would presumably be the mother of William and Potter. On 27 June 1798 he drew an indenture for William Skidmore. On 22 December 1798 Baxter "raffled for turkeys at Skidmore's." On 3 April 1799 he was at Skidmore's vendue "hard times" and he notes that others in the neighborhood were sold out for house rent. In a final entry on 15 October 1799 we find "at Court in Flatbush William Skidmore put in Gaol for Debt." We have not learned anything further of this William Skidmore; he is not found in the 1800 census.

114. LYMAN POTTER[6] SKIDMORE, was born in 1775 at South Hempstead, Queens County, Long Island, the son of Nathan (no. 49) and Sarah (Smith) Skidmore. He was living 13 February 1818 at Rhinebeck, Dutchess County, New York. (There was a Lyman Potter Smith baptized 17 April 1774 at the First Church in Huntington who was undoubtedly a cousin to Potter Skidmore; the man who produced these namesakes has not been identified.)

He was living with his brother William Skidmore at Flatlands on 1 October 1796. Lyman Potter Skidmore enlisted 29 June 1812 in Major J. B. Crane's company of U.S. Artillery, and was discharged 29 June 1817 at Fort Preble in South Portland, Cumberland County, Maine. He was then aged 42 and unmarried. He lived after his discharge at Rhinebeck, Dutchess County, New York. The muster rolls show that he was born at Huntington, Long Island, had a dark complexion, grey eyes, brown hair, and was a tailor by trade.

He had a warrant no. 14814 dated 13 February 1818 as a veteran of Crane's Artillery for bounty land as a veteran of the War of 1812. One section of 640 acres was set off for him in Illinois in the Northwest 1/4 of Section 22, Township 6 South, Range 5 West (now Steeleville Precinct, Randolph County, Illinois).

Nothing has been learned of Lyman Potter Skidmore after 1818.

115. JOSEPH[6] SKIDMORE was born in 1778 at South Hempstead, Queens County, Long Island, the son of Nathan (no. 49) and Sarah (Smith) Skidmore. He died 6 November 1830 at the Almshouse in New York City. His death record states that he was aged 52, born on Long Island, and was buried in Potter's Field. He married on 31 July 1802 at St. Ann's, Brooklyn, to Tirzah, daughter of David and Sarah (Taylor) Noble of New York City. She was born 3 November 1779 and was living on 9 April 1846

at Williamsburg in Brooklyn (when she was left $500.00 in the will of her brother James Noble). She is said to have died at Williamsburg in Kings County, but no probate has been found for her.

Joseph Skidmore is not found in the 1800 census. In 1810 he was the head of a household at North Castle Township, Westchester County, New York. In 1820 he was living in the Sixth Ward of New York City, and in the 1821 directory he is the Job [sic] Skidmore at 21 Elizabeth Street. (In 1822 the name is corrected to Joseph Skidmore, on Elizabeth Street near Spring.) He continues in New York City at a variety of addresses on Mercer, Greene, Crosby and Mott Streets until his death in 1830. His widow went to Brooklyn Township, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, after his death, where she had relatives. She has not been found in the 1850 census and may have been dead by this date.

Children:

263. i. Nathan.
264. ii. Joseph.
iii. Mary. She married Henry Bagley, and is said to have lived in New York City.
iv. Sophia. She married (1) Leonard Noble Ashley (1813-1847) who was a merchant at Unionville, Sussex County, New Jersey; they were cousins, and (2) _____ Baker.
v. Adaline, born 1820. She was living in 1850 in Sterling Township, Wayne County, Pennsylvania, aged 30, unmarried. She and her sister Mary were formerly school teachers at Brooklyn, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania.

116. JOHN[6] SKIDMORE, was born about 1773 at South Hempstead, Queens County, Long Island, the son of Nathan (no. 49) and Sarah (Smith) Skidmore. He died 19 July 1854 at Newtown, Queens County, Long Island. He married (1) Mary Everett, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Everett) Faulkner. Her tombstone once in Prospect Cemetery has now disappeared; a copy gives an impossible set of dates. We believe that she died 27 August 1839, aged 51 years, 3 months, 1 day, but this is to be received with some caution. They were married 4 February 1807 at the Presbyterian Church, Jamaica. He married (2) on 12 August 1840 at the Reformed Church, Newtown, Queens County, Long Island, Catherine Debevoise of English Kills, Long Island; he is called "of Williamsburg." She was born in 1797 and died 22 April 1861 aged 63 years, 6 months, at Greenpoint in Brooklyn. In 1860 she is living in Ward 17 of Brooklyn, aged 65, with her daughter Eveline M. Boyce and her husband. Catherine Debevoise was presumably a widow at the time of her marriage to John Skidmore, but the name of the father of her daughter Eveline M. Boyce is presently unknown.

John Skidmore was living at Jamaica in the census of 1810. He served as a private in the company of Captain Michael Skidmore during the War of

1812. He enlisted 2 September 1814 for three months and was discharged on 2 December 1814. Catherine Skidmore, his widow, was aged 56 on 23 June 1855 when she applied for bounty land. John Skidmore had previously applied at New York City on 9 November 1850 and received a 40 acre warrant; he was then aged 66 and a resident of Newtown, Long Island. Warrant no. 5314 was issued 30 April 1851 in his name.

John Skidmore was still at Jamaica in the 1820 census, but moved in the year following to New York City. In the 1821 city directory he is listed as a grocer on Forsyth Street, corner of Hester. In the year following he moved his grocery to Broome Street, corner of Goerk, and he remained at that address until 1835 when he moved to the Williamsburg District of Brooklyn. He is there in the 1840 census (with a household of himself, his wife and his daughter Mary Ann) but in 1850 he is found at Newtown, Long Island. In 1850 he was called a farmer aged 67, Catherine is aged 53, and Eveline (wrongly dittoed as a Skidmore) is aged 23. There is also a Henry (dittoed Skidmore) aged 2, of whom nothing else is known. It seems unlikely that he was a Skidmore.

There are a number of wills mentioning the Faulkners and the Skidmores in Queens and New York City. Elizabeth (Everett) Faulkner, a widow of New York City, left a will dated 2 July 1821; Thomas H. Skidmore, living at the corner of Broome and Goerk Streets, her grandson, was one of the two witnesses who proved the will on 29 October 1832 at New York City. It is interesting to note that she was a sister of the wife of Samuel Skidmore (no. 40) and also of Benjamin Everett who had married Mary, daughter of Andrew Skidmore (no. 19).

Catherine Skidmore died at Brooklyn on 22 April 1861. The petition for administration on her estate made by Richard P. Boyce states that his wife Eveline M. Boyce was the only heir.

There was no probate on the estate of John Skidmore. His eldest three children were christened at the First Presbyterian Church, Jamaica. The younger three are from other sources, but we have a list that agrees with the census records and is probably complete for those who survived to adulthood.

Children: (First wife)

265. i. John Faulkner, born 14 November 1807.
266. ii. Thomas Higby, born 5 January 1812.
iii. Sarah Elizabeth, born 12 October 1813. Probably died young.
267. iv. George Everett, born 1820.
v. Mary Ann, born 1824. She married Christopher Gregory (1821-_____) in March 1845 at the First Presbyterian Church, Newtown. He was a stonecutter at 787 Washington Street, New York City, in 1854. They were living in 1870 in the Third Ward of Hoboken, Hudson County, New Jersey. He was living, a widower, in 1900 at Tiffany Township, Eddy County, North

Dakota.

(Second wife)

vi. Margaret Maria, born 15 January 1842 at Newtown, Long Island, and christened 11 April 1842 at the Reformed Church, Newtown. She was presumably dead in 1850.

117. JOSEPH[6] SKIDMORE, was born in 1772 at South Hempstead, Queens County, Long Island, the son of Joseph (no. 51) and _____ (Rhodes) Skidmore. He died 31 May 1811 at Jamaica, aged 39. He married about 1795, Abigail the daughter of Nehemiah and Elizabeth (Van Vliet) Carpenter of Jamaica. She was born 21 February 1768 and died 7 December 1855 at Foster's Meadow, South Hempstead, in her 87th year. They are buried in Prospect Cemetery, Jamaica.

Joseph Skidmore and his wife were living in 1796 at Pleasant Valley, Dutchess County, New York, but they returned soon after to Long Island where they are found enumerated in the 1800 and 1810 census of Jamaica. His widow is the head of a family at the same place in 1830 and 1840.

The will of Joseph Skidmore is dated 30 December 1810. It devised to his son William a house and eight acres of land. His wife Abigail was to have the use of all his real estate as long as she remained a widow; she was to have also all the household furniture she brought to her husband. It mentions his children William, Hannah, Elizabeth, Sarah and Nelly. The witnesses were Nehemiah Carpenter, Nicholas Lamberson, and Morris Fosdick. It was probated 22 June 1811. His son William qualified later as executor on 2 May 1816 soon after he came of age.

His daughters Hannah, Sarah and Nelly were received as members of the Reformed Dutch Church at Jamaica in 1827, 1828, and 1831.

Children:

i. William, baptized 1 August 1796 at the Pleasant Valley Presbyterian Church in Dutchess County. He died unmarried in 1828 and is buried in Prospect Cemetery, Jamaica, Long Island.

ii. Hannah, born 17 December 1797. She was baptized 8 June 1798 at the Presbyterian Church, Jamaica. She married John Simonson (1794-1863); she died 17 September 1828 aged 30 years, 9 months. He married (2) Susanna R. Areson and they moved in 1843 to Cold Spring, Putnam County, New York, from Jamaica.

iii. Elizabeth, born 10 March 1800. She was baptized 8 June 1800 at the Presbyterian Church, Jamaica. She married on 6 December 1815 at the Reformed Dutch Church, Jamaica, John C. Smith. She died 15 May 1841.

iv. Sarah (Sally), born 12 March 1803. She married Henry Simonson, a farmer. They were living at Jamaica in 1850. She died there 12 January 1863 aged 59 years, 10 months.

v. Nelly, born 2 April 1805. She married John W. Van Nostrand (1798-1858). She died 28 September 1855 aged 50 years 5 months, 26 days.

118. WILLIAM[6] SKIDMORE, was born about 1774 at South Hempstead, Queens County, Long Island, the son of Joseph (no. 51) and _____ (Rhodes) Skidmore, and died in New York City on 12 October 1803 during the yellow fever epidemic. He married on 25 July 1795 at Jamaica, Long Island, Mary Smith, who survived her husband and son.

This William Skidmore first appears in the New York City directories in 1797 as a carpenter at 6 Division Street. He is not found from 1798 to 1802 and is probably the William Skidmore enumerated at Brooklyn in the 1800 census with himself, his wife, and one son under 10. In 1803 he is back in New York City at 6 East Rutger (later Rutgers) Street, a carpenter. His widow appears for one year in 1804 in the New York City directories, then disappears, probably remarried to a second husband.

The death of William Skidmore on 12 October 1803 is reported in the Columbian Sentinel dated 19 October 1803. The same notice states that his son had died the day before his father of the same complaint. The scourge of yellow fever in 1803 resulted in a rush of refugees to escape the city with their possessions piled into carriages and pushcarts. Most returned to the city when the fever abated but some remained in their new homes.

The widow of William Skidmore was living in 1804 on Hester (later Howard) Street. In 1807 her two brothers-in-law, perhaps coincidentally, were partners in the firm of Samuel and Jonah Skidmore, Grocers, on the same street at the corner of Norfolk.

Child:

i. William, baptized 10 December 1797 at the First Presbyterian Church, Jamaica. Presumably the unnamed son who died of yellow fever in New York City on 11 October 1803.

119. LIEUTENANT ABIATHAR[6] SKIDMORE, was born at South Hempstead, Queens County, Long Island, the son of Joseph (no. 51) and _____ (Rhodes) Skidmore, and died in the same town before 29 October 1814. He married Hannah, daughter of Stephen and Lovice (_____) Higby; she was born in 1783 and died at Jamaica on 4 January 1854 aged 71 and is buried in the Springfield Cemetery. They lived at Rockaway, Long Island.

He was named for his maternal grandfather, Abiathar Rhodes.

Abiathar Skidmore was a Lieutenant in the Queens County Militia in 1812 and a trustee of the Presbyterian Church at Hempstead in 1813. The will of Stephen Higbie dated 13 December 1814 remembers his daughter Hannah and his two grandsons Stephen and Walter Skidmore. Hannah (Higby) Skidmore had a sister Mary (wife of Gabriel Armstrong), and two brothers, Anson (who married Abiathar's sister Susanna) and John Skidmore Higbie.

Abiathar Skidmore is the head of a family at South Hempstead in 1800 and 1810. He had died before 29 October 1814 when his will was recorded. It was dated 24 May 1813 and provides for his wife Hannah and his sons: "My two sons Stephen and Walter to be kept at school that they may have sufficient learning for mechanics." The executors were his wife Hannah, his brother-in-law John B. Higbie, and Morris Fosdick. The administration on the estate of his wife Hannah, who survived her husband by some 40 years, was given to her son Stephen H. Skidmore of New York City.

Hannah, widow of Abiathar Skidmore, lived for a time in Brooklyn. In the 1826 directory she is living on Cranberry Street at the corner of Henry. She is still in Brooklyn in 1832, but she was living in Jamaica at the time of her death in 1854.

Children:

i. Sarah, born 19 February 1804. Died young.
268. ii. Stephen Higby, born 24 March 1805.
269. iii. Walter, born before 1810.

120. SAMUEL[6] SKIDMORE, was born in 1785 at South Hempstead, Queens County, Long Island, the son of Joseph (no. 51) and _____ (Rhodes) Skidmore, and died at the same place on 13 January 1866. He is buried in the Springfield Cemetery, and died according to his tombstone "in his 80th year." He married Rebecca DeNyse Dyckman, the daughter of Tunis Dyckman of South Hempstead. She was born in 1795 and was living at South Hempstead in 1870 with her son Walter, aged 75. They were married on 11 January 1814 at the First Presbyterian Church, Jamaica.

In 1807 he and his brother Jonah were grocers for a brief time on Hester (now Howard) Street, corner of Norfolk, in New York City. This business probably failed for they returned soon after to Hempstead.

Samuel Skidmore was enrolled in Captain Richard Carman's company, 100th Regiment, 22nd Brigade, 1st Division, at Hempstead on 3 September 1814 for service in the War of 1812. He was discharged on 3 December 1814 at Fort Green, Kings County, having served under Colonel Daniel Bedell and General Jeremiah Johnson.

He married at Hempstead in 1814 and in the same year was a Commissioner of Highways there. He is enumerated at South Hempstead in the 1820

census, but returned to New York City in 1825. He lived there until 1836 at a variety of addresses on Delancey, Suffolk, Stanton, Essex, Orchard and Norfolk Streets, where he is usually identified as a furrier. There are four Samuel Skidmores who were heads of families in the 1830 census of New York City; he is the S. Skidmore living in the 11th Ward. Where he went in 1836 is not known; he is not found in the 1840 census at either New York City or South Hempstead.

He and his wife Rebecca were apparently living apart by 1850. He is not found in the 1850 census in New York State (or elsewhere); she was living in the household of James Golder at Hempstead. In 1860 Samuel Skidmore, gentleman, aged 75, was living at Rockaway with his sister Rhoda Wright and her son Joseph Skidmore Wright. After his death Rebecca Skidmore applied for a pension as his widow on 19 May 1871. Josiah Gildersleeve and Elnathan Eldert offered depositions on 21 February 1872 at Hempstead stating that they had known Samuel and Rebecca Skidmore for more than 50 years until the death of Samuel about five years earlier at Hempstead.

Rebecca Skidmore lived briefly in Brooklyn. In 1848 she is called Rebecca Skidmore, widow, and was living at 150 Gold Street, corner of High. (If Samuel had deserted her this may have been an honest misapprehension.) In 1849 "Mrs. Skidmore" (presumably Rebecca) was living at 173 Sands Street in Brooklyn.

Children:

270. i. Joseph, born 1819.
271. ii. William, born 1823.
iii. Margaret, born 1826. She died an infant on 24 October 1828 aged 2 years, 8 months. Buried from the Bethel Baptist Church, a resident on Stanton Street, New York City.
iv. Walter, born 1827. Died as an infant on 15 March 1830 aged 3 years. Buried from the Rutgers Street Presbyterian Church, a resident on Norfolk Street, New York City.
v. Jeremiah, born 1828. Died on 24 August 1832 aged 4 years at Rivington Hospital, New York City.
vi. Rebecca, born 1831. Died on 13 August 1832 an infant aged 1 year, 5 months, at Rivington Hospital.
vii. Walter, born 1814. He married Mary A. Eldred (1837-1889) and was a stonecutter at South Hempstead. Had issue.

121. JONAH[6] SKIDMORE, was born at South Hempstead, Queens County, Long Island, after 1785, the son of Joseph (no. 51) and _____ (Rhodes) Skidmore, and had died at the same place before 12 December 1826. He married Phebe, daughter of Gershom and Hannah (Bridgette) Hawkins, of Bayport, Suffolk County, Long Island.

He and his brother Samuel Skidmore were living in New York City in 1807

on Hester (later Howard) Street, corner of Norfolk, grocers. He was back in Hempstead by 1810 where he and his wife are enumerated in the census of that year. On 11 June 1813 Jonah Skidmore, mariner, of Islip, bought a tract of land there for $665.00 from Thomas Smith of the same place. The will of Gershom Hawkins dated 25 December 1815 gave a life interest in his property to his wife Mary. At her death it was to be divided among his children, but the part due his daughter Phebe was to be in charge of her brother John Hawkins "unless she becomes a widow when she receives the same." (It would appear that Gershom Hawkins did not hold his Skidmore son-in-law in high esteem.)

Jonah Skidmore and his wife, apparently childless, were living in South Hempstead in 1820 adjoining the household of his brother Samuel. He appears once again in New York City briefly in 1825, a cartman, at 132 Arundel Street. (His half brother Jeremiah Skidmore was living in the same year 134 Orchard Street, also a cartman.) The administration of his estate was granted in Queens County on 12 December 1826 to Robert Cornell.

122. JEREMIAH[6] SKIDMORE, born 23 March 1798 at South Hempstead, Long Island, the son of Joseph (no. 51) and Letitia (Higby) Skidmore, and died 28 November 1877 at 25 Park Avenue, New York City. He married on 30 December 1819 at the First Presbyterian Church, Jamaica, Long Island, Judith, the daughter of William Ludlam, Jr., of Jamaica. He is called "Jeremy Skidmore of New York City" in the church register. She was born 6 June 1799 and died at 25 Park Avenue on 6 June 1865, aged 66; they are buried in Greenwood Cemetery.

Jeremiah Skidmore was living in New York City by 16 September 1818 when he was a witness to the will of Joel Sayre, a silversmith, of that city. In the year following he appears for the the first time in the city directories as a grocer at 58 Spring Street (corner of Elm). In 1825 he was living at 134 Orchard Street, a cartman, and he continues on that street until 1837. In that year he went into business as a coal merchant and by the 1850 census was already a wealthy man. His sons continued the business after him and it was a part of his fortune which eventually established Skidmore College at Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County, New York.

Jeremiah Skidmore was a communicant of the Rutgers Street Presbyterian Church where he was an Elder there for many years.

Children:

272. i. Joseph Russell, born 26 February 1821.
273. ii. William Ludlam, born 25 September 1822.
iii. Mary Jane, born 9 December 1825. She died unmarried 29 June 1908, and lived in New York City, and Paris, France.
iv. Ann Letitia, born 10 May 1828. She married 13 June 1850

Charles G. Barrett (1823-1901). They lived in New York City where she died 14 May 1897.

123. SAMUEL[6] SKIDMORE, was born in Pendleton County, (West) Virginia, about 1764, the son of Joseph (no. 52) and Elizabeth (?Phares) Skidmore. He was living as late as 3 October 1837 in Cole County, Missouri; he is not found in the 1840 census and was presumably dead by that year. He married (perhaps as a later and a younger wife) Nancy _____ who was also living in 1837. She may be the female aged 50-60 living with her son Samuel Skidmore in 1840 in Benton County, Missouri.

Samuel Skidmore was recommended to serve as Ensign in Captain James Skidmore's company on 27 February 1787, and was taxed on two horses in the 1788 tax list of Rockingham County, Virginia. He was recommended to serve once again as Ensign in Captain James Patterson's company in January 1789. His appointment was duly entered at Richmond, but he declined to serve and Adam Harper was nominated in his place on 6 July 1789.

He last appears on the tax lists of Pendleton County in 1793, and is gone in 1794. He is first noticed in Montgomery County, Kentucky, on 14 May 1794 with an unstated number of acres on Hingston Creek rated at $400.00. He had one white male over 21 and 2 horses. He appears on the tax lists of Montgomery County, Kentucky, through the year 1805. From some of the later lists we find that he had 200 acres on Hingston Creek entered in the name of Samuel Houston which had been surveyed and patented for John McIntire.

He is missing from Montgomery County in 1806. It is tempting to identify him with a Samuel Skidmore who married Mary Nole by a bond dated 3 March 1806 in Fayette County, Kentucky. Hybert Brink, probably the man of his distinctive name once in Hampshire County, (West) Virginia, was the bondsman. There was a family named Sidner in Fayette County at this date and possibly there is some confusion here. A search of the tax lists for Fayette County for 1805, 1806, and 1807 has not produced anything more of either a Samuel Skidmore or Sidner there in those years nor do we find him in the 1810 census of Fayette County.

In the 1810 census Samuel Skidmore is enumerated in Greenup County, Kentucky, as the head of a household adjoining his brother Joseph Skidmore. They are still there in 1820; in both years Samuel Skidmore is the head of a large family which may have included several stepchildren. Since we cannot identify all of these people it may be well to give the full returns for both 1810 and 1820:

1810 census of Greenup County, Kentucky.	
2 males under 10	1 female under 10
3 males 10-16	1 female 26-45 (his wife)
1 male 16-26	

1 male 26-45 (Samuel Skidmore)

A decade later we find:

1820 census of Greenup County, Kentucky.

2 males under 10	1 female under 10
1 male 10-16	1 female 10-16
1 male 16-18	1 female 26-45 (presumably his wife)
1 male 16-26	
1 male over 45 (Samuel Skidmore)	

On 13 September 1821 Samuel Skidmore of Greenup County, Kentucky, returned a deed to Pendleton County selling his half interest in the 190 acres in the Buffalo Hills devised to him by his father. His brother Joseph, also in Greenup County, had previously sold his half to their brother James who now had the whole of it.

Samuel Skidmore went almost immediately thereafter to Howard County, Missouri, where he stayed briefly, settling in 1823 in Township 44, Range 12, Section 35 of Cole County, Missouri. He established the first tanyard in the county here; it is described as "a very primitive affair." Seven years later his household is enumerated so:

1830 census of Cole County, Missouri

2 males 15-20 (They would be Joshua and Otis)
1 male (20-30) (John)
1 male (60-70) (Samuel, the father)
1 female 10-15 (She cannot be identified; no marriage bond found)
1 female 40-50 (Presumably Samuel's later wife ancy)
1 female 80-90 (Perhaps Nancy's mother?)

On 3 October 1837 Samuel and Nancy Skidmore of Cole County, Missouri, sold to George W. Lansdown for $700.00 a tract of 80 acres in the west half of the southeast quarter of Section 25, Township 44 (north of the base line) Range 12 (west of the fifth principal meridian). Nancy signs with her mark. This land had been acquired by a Federal land grant on 10 July 1834.

This is the last mention yet found of Samuel Skidmore in the records. There was no probate on his estate in Cole County, Missouri.

Children: (Probably incomplete; maternity uncertain)

274. i. James Nelson, born before 1800.
ii. Elizabeth, born before 1800. She married Henry Long on 24 December 1813 in Greenup County, Kentucky; they were living next to her father in the 1820 census.
275. iii. Joshua P., born after 1800.
276. iv. John S., born 1806.

277. v. Samuel Otis, born 1815.

124. JOHN[6] SKIDMORE, was born about 1768 in Pendleton County, (West) Virginia, the son of Joseph (no. 52) and Elizabeth (?Phares) Skidmore. He died there before 20 October 1806, the date of his father's will. He married Nancy, the daughter of James Pringle.

On 3 February 1800 John Skidmore signed a receipt acknowledging that he had received his interest in the estate of James Pringle, deceased.

His daughter Jemina is doubtless the "Mina" Skidmore mentioned in the will of her grandfather in 1806. There was no probate on the estate of this John Skidmore, but there was apparently a guardianship of his younger children at one time among the loose papers at Franklin from which we have the ages of his four youngest children.

In the 1810 census his widow Nancy Skidmore is found as the head of a family with one male under 10, two males 10-16, one female under 10, and herself aged 26-45. We have learned nothing more of her after this date.

Children:

i. Jemina (Mina), born 1789. She married David Summerfield on 16 July 1819 in Randolph County, (West) Virginia; they were living in that county in 1850. She died 4 December 1857 aged 69 in Tucker County, (West) Virginia.

ii. Parmelia (Millie), born 1791. She married Henry Halterman, a saddler, on 29 March 1812. They were living in 1860 at Franklin, Pendleton County, (West) Virginia.

278. iii. John, born 27 August 1795.

279. iv. Richard, born 1797.

v. Phebe, born 1801. She married Hiram Vance. They were living in 1860 at the Mouth of the Seneca, Pendleton County, (West) Virginia. They are said to have moved later to Illinois.

vi. Christian, born 1803. Probably died young.

125. JOSEPH[6] SKIDMORE, was born about 1781 in Pendleton County, (West) Virginia, the son of Joseph (no. 52) and Elizabeth (?Phares) Skidmore, and died before 31 July 1848 in Cole County, Missouri. The name of his wife is presently unknown.

He went with his older brother Samuel Skidmore to Montgomery County, Kentucky, by 1797. On a tax list of 22 August 1797 he is listed with one white male over 21 and two horses. He appears on every list through 1804 but never with any real property.

In the 1810 census he is with his brother in Greenup County, Kentucky. There is another Joseph Skidmore in the 1810 census of Greenup County, his first cousin, Joseph (no. 138). (He was living some distance from the Skidmore brothers in that part of Greenup County which later became Carter County.)

Joseph Skidmore enlisted in the company of Captain George Bishop, 16th Regiment of Kentucky Militia, in the War of 1812. From September 4th to 10th in 1814 they marched to a rendezvous at Newport, Kentucky, a distance of 140 miles. On 10 November 1814 he was at Fort Malden (now Amherstburg, Ontario) in Upper Canada in Captain Benedict Bacon's company; this company had assisted in capturing Fort Malden from the British. He served until 10 March 1815 being paid $8.00 a month as a private. He never applied for a pension.

On 20 January 1820 Joseph Skidmore returned a deed to Pendleton County selling his one half interest in the land at Buffalo Hills devised him by his father to his brother James Skidmore. He is enumerated in the 1820 census of Greenup County in the same year, but left soon after for Missouri. In November 1825 Joseph Skidmore was appointed to lay out a road from Jefferson City in Cole County.

Joseph Skidmore is the head of a family in Cole County, Missouri, in 1830 and 1840. The administration on his estate was given there on 31 July 1848 to his son Rufus Skidmore and George W. Gordon. The petition shows that all eight of his children (excepting only Jesse of Newton County, Missouri) were then living in Cole County. Three of these children (William, Elizabeth, and Joseph) and his widow are not found in the 1850 census. There was a cholera epidemic in the county in 1849 and perhaps they were carried away by that.

This Joseph Skidmore never acquired any land in either Kentucky or Missouri which suggests that he had some trade other than farming.

Children:

280. i. John Jesse, born 1809.
281. ii. Nathan, born 1811.
282. iii. Rufus W., born 1815.Skidmore
iv. William. Not found in 1850.
283. v. Alfred F., born 1818.
284. vi. Nelson, born 1820. The first child born in Missouri.
vii. Elizabeth. Not found in 1850.
viii. Joseph. Not found in 1850.

126. JAMES[6] SKIDMORE, was born about 1783 in Pendleton County, (West) Virginia, a son of Joseph (no. 52) and Elizabeth (?Phares) Skidmore, and died at the same place before 7 September 1825. He married Mary (Mollie), the daughter of George Lough. She was a sister of the Adam

Lough who married his cousin Mary Skidmore.

He first appears on the tax lists of Pendleton County in 1810 as James Skidmore, Jr., to avoid confusion with his older cousin of the same name. He owned three tracts of land on the east side of the South Branch on Tom's Run which his heirs sold in 1835 to George Hammer who had an adjoining tract. He also had considerable land in the Buffalo Hills, purchased from his brothers in 1820 and 1821.

The administration on his estate was granted to George Hammer on 7 September 1825 in Pendleton County. His wife had died before 16 December 1828 when the appraisal and sale of her estate was recorded. Isaac Skidmore was her administrator and the final settlement was entered on 4 March 1829 in Pendleton County. All of his children were minors at the time of their father's death and they were made wards of his cousin Isaac Skidmore on 3 December 1829.

Children:

285. i. Joseph, born 22 November 1812.
286. ii. James, born 12 May 1817.
iii. Elizabeth, born 1818. She married Jesse Hyer; they were living in 1838 in Concord Township, Ross County, Ohio. She probably died soon after as he married (2) Belinda Burnett on 3 December 1840 in Fayette County, Ohio.
iv. John Adam, born 1820. He was living 3 December 1829 but died soon after, unmarried.
v. Rebecca, born 1822. She married John Cain on 4 March 1841 in Princeton Township, White County, Indiana. Living there in 1850.

127. LIEUTENANT JOSEPH[6] SKIDMORE, was born 31 July 1761 in Pendleton County, (West) Virginia, the son of James (no. 53) and Sarah (McDonald) Skidmore, and died before 8 February 1847 in Lincoln County, Kentucky. He married (1) on 6 August 1791 in Lincoln County, Kentucky, Hannah, a daughter of Samuel McKinney of Lincoln County and the mother of all of his children. She was a native of New Jersey and died in 1806, she is buried in the McKinney Cemetery in Lincoln County. He married (2) on 27 August 1806 in Lincoln County to Catherine Manning of whom little else is known.

Joseph Skidmore served in the American Revolution. About 1 November 1780 he was drafted in Captain James Smith's company of Botetourt County Militia for three months. Some few days after the company marched to New River and with other troops attached there to Colonel Crockett's regiment. They marched through Washington and Montgomery Counties (in Virginia) to North Carolina and thence to the French Broad River where they joined Colonel Campbell. Joseph Skidmore remained there until his term of service expired and he was then discharged by Colonel Campbell

and returned home to Botetourt County, Virginia. About the end of February 1781 he was again drafted into the company of Captain Cartman and marched to Fincastle County on the way to join General Green when an express stopped them there. His term expired after marches to different parts, and he was discharged again to return to Botetourt County.

He moved to Kentucky in 1788 settling in Lincoln County where his pension application was filed on 27 January 1834 when he was aged 73. His statement made at that time says that he was ordered out in 1791 as an Indian spy by Colonel John Logan and attached to the company of Captain John Blaine. He spied for about 60 days on the frontier and was then discharged. He was pensioned on 9 April 1834 at the rate of $20.00 per annum.

Joseph Skidmore appears on the tax lists of Lincoln County from 1792 through 1846. On 19 January 1796 he bought 100 acres from Josiah Huntsman on the waters of Hanging Fork Creek for £100, the deed being delivered to Daniel McKinney. This appears to be the only land that he ever owned in the county.

Joseph Skidmore was appointed Lieutenant of the Sixth Regiment of Kentucky Militia in Lincoln County on 21 November 1801.

On 17 February 1817 Joseph and Cathy Skidmore of Lincoln County, and James and Mary Skidmore of the same place, sell for $180.00 all their right, interest, and title to a tract on the James River where James Skidmore, deceased, lived and where his widow now resides, to Thomas Montgomery. Also included in the sale were all goods, property, money, and chattels which Joseph and James may be entitled to under the will of James Skidmore (their father) of Botetourt County dated in 1802.

The will of Joseph Skidmore is dated 22 April 1846 and was probated 8 February 1847. He left $1.00 to the children of his deceased son James Skidmore, and $1.00 each to his daughters Polly McAninch, Sally Reynolds, and Permelia Reynolds who had all previously received their part of his estate. To his son Daniel Skidmore he left the tract and appurtenances that he lived on as well as all his household goods, horses, cattle, and all his other property. Daniel Skidmore was also named executor of the estate.

Children:

287. i. James, born 1792.

ii. Mary (Polly), born 1794. She married 5 July 1813 Samuel McAninch (1790-____) in Lincoln County. He was living, a widower, in 1850 in Franklin Township, Hendricks County, Indiana.

iii. Sarah (Sally), born 1796. She married George Reynolds on 14 October 1813 in Lincoln County. She was living in 1846.

288. iv. Daniel, born 1798.

v. Parmelia, born 1800. She married (1) Benjamin Reynolds on 21 January 1822, and (2) John Ellington on 22 August 1850 in Andrew County, Missouri. Later in the same year the Ellingtons are enumerated in Nodaway Township, Andrew County, adjoining the household of William H. Tombs who had also come out to Missouri from Lincoln County, Kentucky. She was still living, his widow, in 1880 aged 80 with her brother Daniel in Nodaway County, Missouri.

128. JOHN[6] SKIDMORE, was born about 1763 in Pendleton County, (West) Virginia, a son of James (no. 53) and Sarah (McDonald) Skidmore, and died before 11 March 1816 in Lincoln County, Kentucky. He married Sarah (Sally) McClure on 4 April 1791; she married (2) Sims Gooch on 2 October 1823. She was living in 1837 in Lincoln County, Kentucky.

John Skidmore went first to what is now Hawkins County, Tennessee, where he purchased a land warrant for 200 acres from Hugh Guin. He perfected his title to this land, but did not stay long in Tennessee. On 4 February 1811 John Skidmore of Barren County, Kentucky, sold the tract for £10 to James Surguine; it is described as being on the waters of Armstrong's Mill Creek, and was near the present town of Surgoinsville, Hawkins County, Tennessee.

In 1800 John Skidmore appears on the tax list of Warren County, Kentucky, and in 1810 he was enumerated in Barren County with a large family. He was in Barren County, Kentucky, on 26 January 1813 when he gave a power of attorney to his brother Randolph ("Randle") of Botetourt County, Virginia, to dispose of his interest in their father's estate. He served in Captain William Wade's company of Kentucky Detached Militia commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Gabriel Slaughter in the War of 1812. He was enlisted 10 November 1814 for six months and was stationed mostly at Camp Jackson and served until 10 May 1815. He was paid $48.00 for six months service.

John Skidmore had lived earlier in Lincoln County with his two brothers there. He is first noticed on the tax list in 1793 when he was assessed on six horses and five cattle. In 1799 he was taxed on 200 acres of land on Sinking Creek. He went back to Lincoln County by 4 November 1814 when he purchased 118 acres on the South Fork of Green River for £100 from David Williams.

The nuncupative will of John Skidmore was spoken at his home in Lincoln County on 26 February 1816 during his last illness. Present were Joseph Skidmore and Jane McKinney. He left two young colts to his two eldest sons. The rest of his property he left to his wife for the benefit of his family. The will was recorded on 11 March 1816 and the widow gave a bond of $800.00 with James Skidmore and Abraham Jones as her securities. A copy is also filed with his record of service in the War of 1812 now at the National Archives.

The surviving heirs joined together on 28 April 1837 to sell his land on Green River to Clayton C. Montgomery. Sally Gooch, the widow, James C. and his wife Nancy, Elijah and his wife Agnes, Joseph and his wife Lucy, and Patsy Royalty were all of Lincoln County. Mary and her husband Archibald Parker were living in Barren County, and Sarah and her husband Davis Smith were then living in Edmonson County, Kentucky.

It should be also be noted that in 1796 John Skidmore receipted to Sarah and Hugh McClure, the administrators of James McClure, in Shelby County, Kentucky, presumably as an heir in the right of his wife.

Children:

i. Sarah, born 1792. She married Davis Smith on 21 September 1810 in Barren County, Kentucky. They were living in Edmonson County, Kentucky, in 1850.

289. ii. Peyton R., eldest son, born 1795.

290. iii. James C., born 1797.

iv. Patsy, born 1799. She married (1) Nimrod East on 8 April 1816 in Lincoln County, Kentucky, and (2) William Royalty on 24 October 1834 in Casey County, Kentucky. She was living his widow in 1837 in Lincoln County.

v. Mary, born 1801. She married Archibald Parker on 20 February 1817 in Lincoln County, and was living in 1837 in Barren County, Kentucky.

vi. Elizabeth (Betsy). She married William Jones on 29 September 1824 in Green County, Kentucky. Abraham Jones was the bondsman on the same day. She presumably was dead in 1837 without surviving issue as neither she nor her heirs join in the quitclaim deed from her father's heirs.

291. vii. Elijah Baker.

292. viii. Joseph E., born 1812.

129. RANDOLPH[6] SKIDMORE, was born about 1767 in Botetourt County, Virginia, a son of James (no. 53) and Sarah (McDonald) Skidmore, and had died in the same county before 7 September 1822. He married on 27 March 1797 Eleanor, the daughter of Archibald Sloan, in Rockbridge County, Virginia, which adjoins Botetourt County. She was born in 1780 in York County, Pennsylvania and was living, his widow, in 1850. She was dead before 9 September 1854. They lived at Rocky Point in Botetourt County.

Randolph Skidmore was a Surveyor of Highways on 8 October 1793 in Botetourt County. On 12 January 1804 the Virginia Assembly passed an act approving the founding of a ferry from the lands of Randolph Skidmore in Botetourt County across the James River to the lands of Messrs. Houston and Cloyd on the opposite shore. The fare for a man was to be four cents and the same for a horse.

Randolph Skidmore is the head of a family in 1810 and 1820, and his widow Eleanor is the head of a household in 1830, 1840, and 1850. In 1850 her two unmarried sons Peyton R. Skidmore and Allen T. Skidmore are living at home. Also in the household is a Catherine Thomas, aged 37, perhaps a servant. Eleanor was dead by 9 September 1854 when her heirs executed a deed.

The sale bill of Randolph Skidmore, an intestate, was dated 7 September 1822 and totaled $432.03. His land was divided into nine equal shares after the widow's dower was set aside on 27 February 1832. The shares do not seem to have been awarded at that time for on Tuesday, 21 September 1847, the lands of Randolph Skidmore, deceased, were surveyed once again. The widow Elinor had as her dowery 60 acres on the James River which had been purchased by her father-in-law in 1786. It included the family dwelling and the ferry (which the surveyors considered to be of little value). The remaining nine heirs (including Ruth, the widow of his son James Skidmore) drew lots for the remaining land which had been divided into nine tracts of equal value. All of the heirs were present at the lottery except for Ruth Skidmore (who was represented by Nathan Parker) and Leonard Ballew (represented by William H. Southat).

Children:

293. i. James, the eldest, born 1799.
294. ii. Archibald Sloan, born 1801.
295. iii. Andrew, born 1803.
iv. John, born 1805. Living 21 September 1847 when he was present at a lottery disposing of his father's land among the heirs. Not found in the 1850 census.
296. v. David, born 1807.
vi. Peyton R., born 1811. Living 1850, a bachelor. Never married, he lived near the James River in Botetourt County.
vii. Allen T., born 1813. Living 1850, a bachelor.
viii. Sarah, born 1816. She married Leonard Ballew on 4 August 1831 in Botetourt County; living there in 1850.
ix. Eleanor, born 10 March 1818. She married Anthony Rucker Ogden (1811-1881) on 8 August 1837. They lived on a part of her father's land at Skidmore's Ferry, Rocky Point. She died 4 June 1889.

130. JAMES[6] SKIDMORE, was born about 1774 in Botetourt County, Virginia, the son of James (no. 53) and Sarah (McDonald) Skidmore. He was living as late as 4 April 1844 in Lincoln County, Kentucky, and was dead in 1846. He married on 21 December 1812 in Lincoln County Mary (Polly), the daughter of Rowland Gooch. She was born in 1783 in Virginia, and was living, his widow, in 1850.

He was probably in Lincoln County as early as 1795 when he was appointed a Sergeant in the militia, but he does not appear on the tax lists until

1808. He accumulated a great deal of land in Lincoln, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Clay, and Gerrard Counties. He is not enumerated in the 1810 census of Kentucky.

On 22 September 1843 he sold for $1.00 to Eliza Ann and Frances Ann Skidmore, daughters of his son Welch Skidmore, 150 acres in the dividing ridge between the Green River and Buck Creek to be surveyed of the north end of the Maple Swamp Tract where James Skidmore than lived. He was still living there on 4 April 1844 when he sold 201 acres on the Little South Fork of the Green River to George W. Montgomery for $60.00.

James Skidmore, Sr., was probably still living on 26 May 1845 when a tax list for Lincoln County was certified (although the return would have been made somewhat earlier). He was dead by 12 May 1846 when the list was certified for that year. There was no probate on his estate.

Children:

i. Virginia Jane, born 10 June 1814. She married William L. Nix (1814-1874) on 2 August 1839 in Lincoln County. She died 20 November 1890; buried Highland Methodist Church.

297. ii. Welch born 1816.

iii. Levisa, born 1818, a twin. She married James Spires on 18 February 1839. She was dead before 26 March 1861 when he married (2) Sarah Ann Thompson.

iv. President, born 1818, a twin. Never married.

298. v. Shelby, born 1820.

vi. Sarah McDonald, born 1824. She married William Edwards on 26 December 1840 in Lincoln County. They were living in Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky, in 1870.

299. vii. John, born 1826.

131. CAPTAIN JAMES[6] SKIDMORE, was born about 1763 in Pendleton County, (West) Virginia, the son of Captain John (no. 54) and Mary Magdalena (Hinkle) Skidmore. He died in the same county before 3 September 1828. He married Rachel O., the daughter of Samuel and Mary (Davis) Morral. She left a will dated 18 May 1843 and proved 3 June 1847.

He was appointed a Constable on the South Branch on 26 August 1782. He was named an Ensign on 26 October 1784 in Captain Seriah Stratton's Company, and replaced Stratton, who resigned, on 27 February 1787. James Skidmore was appointed Captain of the Lower Company on the South Branch in January 1789.

He was a member of the first commission of justices appointed for the new county of Pendleton in 1788, and was named Escheator of the county on 4 May 1789. He was Surveyor of Pendleton County from 1815 until his death in 1828.

James Skidmore and his sister Hannah Rogers were devised all their father's lands on Reed's Creek and at Wolf Hollow. James Skidmore also inherited 200 acres at the Mouth of the Seneca.

James Skidmore kept a sword hanging in his home. When his nephew Eliakim Harper asked if it had ever killed anyone Captain James Skidmore said that it had, but would not admit that it was in his hands at the time. His sister, Susannah Harper, wrote many a deed and survey for him while he was Surveyor of the county.

James Skidmore is usually called Senior and his cousin of the same name (no. 126) Junior to identify them in the county. James Skidmore, Jr., John Hedrick, and Johnson Phares were bound on 5 January 1808 for $1000.00 for James Skidmore who was serving as administrator of his brother-in-law James Morral.

Children:

i. John, born 1789. He and his brother Samuel were enrolled on 13 September 1813 in the War of 1812. John died at Norfolk, Virginia, of disease, on 31 October 1813.

300. ii. Samuel, born 1792.

iii. Mary, born 25 November 1795. She married John Bible (1791-1875) on 1 October 1814, and lived at Franklin in Pendleton County. She died there on 1 July 1875 aged 79 years, 8 months, and 6 days.

iv. Phebe Morral, born 26 September 1797. She married John Haigler (1791-1875) on 12 June 1822. He served in the War of 1812. They lived at Upper Tract in Pendleton County, and moved later to Mound Valley, Labette County, Kansas.

301. v. Jesse, born 1799.

vi. Sarah (Sally), born 3 April 1806. She married (1) Peter Hyer on 10 February 1825, and (2) James Leach (1806-1884) on 27 March 1829. They lived at Doe Hill, Pendleton County, where she died in February 1880, aged 74, of bronchitis. Buried Leach Cemetery, West Thorn.

132. REVEREND JOHN[6] SKIDMORE, was born about 1767 in Pendleton County, (West) Virginia, the son of Captain John (no. 54) and Mary Magdalena (Hinkle) Skidmore. He died in or before June 1827 at what is now Holly, Braxton County, (West) Virginia. He married Nancy Tingler, who was born in 1764, and was living in 1850 with her daughter Edith Canfield, aged 86. She is doubtless nearly related to the John Tingler who was the head of a family in 1810 in Pendleton County; he was most likely a younger brother.

John Skidmore, Jr., patented 50 acres on Seneca Creek in 1796 and 375 acres on the South Branch in 1795; both tracts were in Pendleton County. He had removed to Randolph County (perhaps to what is now Holly) by 1805

for on 27 August 1805 he was licensed to solemnize the rite of marriage in that county. He was a Justice in Randolph County in 1810, and when the new county of Nicholas was set off in 1818 he was a member of the original commission. He had moved beyond doubt to what is now Holly in Braxton (then Nicholas) County by 1811 when he bought 49 acres on the Elk River and 99 acres on Holly Creek from Jeremiah Carpenter. He patented 43 acres in 1821, 70 acres in 1822, and an additional 50 acres in 1829 all on Holly Creek.

John and Levi Skidmore were devised jointly 240 acres of land at the Thorny Meadows by their father.

Reverend John Skidmore is remembered as being peculiar in dress. He wore long stockings and knee breeches long after these went out of style. Certain old men, particularly ministers and school teachers, are supposed to have clung to their knee breeches, frock coats, and broad brimmed hats until far into the 19th century. His lands at Holly are said to have been very rich and valuable.

His will is undated, but it was proven at the June court held for Nicholas County in 1827. To his son William Wamsley Skidmore he devised 56 acres on Wolf Waters. His wife was to have all the rest of his lands, including his powder mill, during her lifetime. Six months after her death his lands were to be sold in two lots at public venue and the money divided among his heirs. Deeds from his surviving heirs selling these two lots are dated 7 June 1829 and 2 April 1833 and are recorded in Nicholas County.

Children:

i. Mary, born 1789. She married George Bickle on 5 May 1806 in Randolph County. She was living his widow in 1850 in Braxton County. Died 3 August 1866.

ii. Elizabeth, born 1791. She married Benjamin Taylor on 11 October 1818. They lived in Lewis County, (West) Virginia.

iii. William Walmsley, born 1793. He had died before 7 June 1829 unmarried.

iv. Sarah, born 1796. She married (his 3rd wife) Reverend Jacob Cozad (1783-1862). They lived at Berlin, Lewis County, (West) Virginia. She is buried, perhaps, in the Morrison Cemetery there.

v. Edith, born 1798. She married Moses Canfield, and was living his widow in Braxton County in 1850.

vi. Magdalena, born 1802. She married James Brown and was living in 1850 in Lewis County, (West) Virginia.

vii. Phebe, born 1804. She married Henry Canfield and they were living in Lewis County, (West) Virginia, in 1842. He married (2) Elizabeth Johnson.

viii. Mahala, born 1806. She married Jabez Brown on 23 February 1830. They are not found in the 1850 census.

133. ELIJAH[6] SKIDMORE, was born 9 January 1773 in Pendleton County, (West) Virginia, and died there 21 August 1815. He was the son of Captain John (no. 54) and Mary Magdalena (Hinkle) Skidmore. Elijah Skidmore married Eleanor Westfall on 7 January 1794. She was born 6 December 1772 and died 11 September 1851. They are buried in the Black Cemetery near Kline. (Her tombstone gives her date of death as 7 May 1852.)

Elijah Skidmore lived on 300 acres on South Fork Mountain, 12 miles northeast of Franklin, which he acquired by a land grant in 1794. He was a Constable in 1792 and for several years thereafter. He served in the Pendleton Militia in 1794 in the company commanded by Captain J. Hopkins. Captain John Skidmore devised him 92 acres on the west side of the town of Frankford (Franklin) in his will.

On Saturday, 14 December 1811, Brother Elijah Skidmore was present at a church meeting held at Brother Lincoln's house in Rockingham County.

His widow Eleanor survived him by a great many years. Her will of 1851 leaves slaves named Faint and Rachel to her daughter Molly Smith.

Children:

i. Mary (Molly), born 14 October 1794. She married Henry Smith (1789-1888) on 14 February 1824. They lived at the Mouth of the Seneca, Pendleton County. She died 17 March 1861 and they are buried in the Skidmore-Smith Cemetery near the Grant-Pendleton County line.

ii. Hannah, born 9 September 1796. She married Elisha W. Stonestreet on 16 April 1816. (He was a brother of the wife of Andrew Skidmore.) They moved Champaign County, Illinois, were she was living as late as 1860.

iii. Eleanor, born 5 October 1810. She married Christian Smith (1797-1874) on 1 January 1835. She died 1 October 1836; he married (2) Jane Carper in 1848 in Upshur County, (West) Virginia. He was a wealthy farmer on the Buckhannon River in Upshur County and was a brother of the husband of her sister Mary Skidmore.

134. ANDREW[6] SKIDMORE, was born 10 May 1779 in Pendleton County, (West) Virginia, the son of Captain John (no. 54) and Mary Magdalena (Hinkle) Skidmore. He died on 24 September 1863 in Grant County, (West) Virginia. He married on 17 March 1806 in Bath County, Virginia, Elizabeth Taylor, the daughter of Butler and Mary (Williams) Stonestreet. She was born 10 May 1786 and died 23 March 1841; they are buried in the Skidmore-Smith Cemetery near the Grant-Pendleton County line. Andrew Skidmore first appears on the tax lists of Pendleton

County in 1803; he was a farmer, stock dealer and slave owner. He was living in 1806 and 1807 in Bath County, Virginia. His wife Elizabeth Stonestreet is called "a noble woman" by one of those who knew her well. She was lame in one hip from a fall from a horse, and is said to have taught the first Sabbath school in Hardy County.

He and his sister Susanna were devised jointly their father's land "on the Allegheny" which he had purchased from one Peterson. Andrew Skidmore acquired a great deal of other lands in Randolph, Hardy, and Pendleton Counties, much of it by patent.

Children: (From Butler Stonestreet's Bible)

i. Mary Ann, born 10 May 1807. She married Nicholas Judy (1789-1853) on 11 September 1823. They lived in Hardy County, and moved to Vermillion County, Illinois, where she died 7 October 1897.

ii. Martha, born 13 May 1810. She married George W. Judy (1793-1875) on 12 August 1828 in Pendleton County. He was a brother of the husband of Mary Ann Skidmore, her sister, next above. She died 14 February 1848 and is buried in the Judy Cemetery on Brushy Run, near the Grant-Pendleton line.

iii. Ellen, born 24 July 1812. She married (1) William Moore, and (2) Madison Daniels (1808-1901) on 13 June 1839. They lived in Randolph County where she died 7 May 1867 and is buried in the Coffman Cemetery at Elkins. He married (2) Mrs. Caroline Channel, a widow.

iv. Nancy Ann, born 15 November 1813. She married Alfred Slusher (1807-1875) on 27 September 1837. They were living in 1860 in Middle Fork Township, Vermillion County, Illinois, where she died in 1862.

v. Elizabeth Thompson, born 15 June 1815. She married Andrew Ours (1810-1891) on 3 May 1832 in Pendleton County. She was dead in 1880. He married (2) Mary _____ and was living in 1880 in Grant County, West Virginia.

vi. Susanna, born 10 February 1817. She married George B. Simons (1811-1895) on 3 January 1833 in Pendleton County. They lived at Peru, Hardy County, (West) Virginia, where she died in 1883.

vii. Rebecca, born 1 October 1819. She married David Moore (1806-____) in 1837. They lived in Randolph County. She was living in 1894 at Bluegrass, Vermillion County, Illinois.

302. viii. Samuel Coil, born 6 April 1821.

ix. Emily O., born 26 June 1823. She married (1) David Lionberger (1821-1865) on 10 February 1841 in Bath County, and William Chenowith, and (3) Jude Davis. She lived in Champaign County, Illinois, where she died 28 August 1904. Buried Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopston, Illinois.

x. Louise, born 29 July 1825. She married (1) Job C. Weese on

6 May 1844 in Randolph County, and (2) John O'Donnell (1830-1865) on 25 January 1856 in Barbour County, (West) Virginia. O'Donnell was born in Londonderry, Ireland, and was killed in the Civil War. She died in 1882.

xi. Indiana, born 25 June 1827. She married Zebulon Wise (1820-1883) on 27 January 1844 in Pendleton County. They lived in Vermillion County, Illinois, where she died in 1902.

xii. Lieutenant James, born 12 April 1830. He married Rebecca McBee (1828-1857) on 7 August 1852 in Hardy County, and (2) Martha Hornbeck on 7 August 1859 in Vermillion County, Illinois, and (3) Margaret J. Ward, the widow of _____ Pattison, on 7 September 1865 in Champaign County, Illinois. He moved in 1856 to Vermillion County, Illinois, and in 1874 to Columbus, Cherokee County, Kansas, where he died 1 May 1924. First Lieutenant, Company F, 51st Illinois Infantry, and wounded at Chickamaugua on 19 September 1863. He was a farmer and a stockman, and a 32° Mason.

135. ISAAC[6] SKIDMORE, was born 31 May 1781, in Pendleton County, (West) Virginia, the son of Captain John (no. 54) and Mary Magdalena (Hinkle) Skidmore. He died in the same county in or before July 1833, having drowned while fording the South Branch near his home during a spring freshet. He married Mary Benson of Highland County, Virginia, on 12 February 1803 in Bath County (which then included what became Highland). George Benson was surety on the marriage bond. She married (2) Larkin Samuels on 30 November 1843 in Pendleton County and died there, his wife, in 1857 aged 70 years, 6 months.

Isaac Skidmore first appears in the tax lists of Pendleton County in 1801. He and his sister Edith were devised the "home place" of Captain John Skidmore after the death of their mother. In 1809 (and thereafter) he purchased from the heirs of his uncle Thomas Skidmore two tracts of 280 and 175 acres adjoining in the Tygart's River Valley in Randolph County. In 1817 he sold 167 acres of this tract for $2000.00 (purchased from eight of the nine heirs) to Robert Chenowith the deed noting that the share belonging to Joseph Skidmore was not conveyed in the deed.

Isaac Skidmore was named the guardian of the children of James Skidmore, his cousin, on 3 December 1829.

At the July court held for Pendleton County in 1833 John Hopkins, Jr., and D. H. Armentrout were ordered to appraise the personal estate and slaves of Isaac Skidmore, deceased. Andrew W. Dyer was appointed the administrator.

His wife remained a widow for 10 years. At her remarriage 2/3 of her late husbands estate reverted to his brothers and sisters. After a legal battle his lands were eventually divided among his heirs by a decree from the Chancery Court. His slaves were divided at the same

time except for one who had run away; the order notes that he was to be divided separately if caught. Mary Samuels his widow, was living with her second husband in Pendleton County in the 1850 census, she was then aged 63.

136. LEVI[6] SKIDMORE, was born about 1783 in Pendleton County, (West) Virginia, the son of Captain John (no. 54) and Mary Magdalena (Hinkle) Skidmore. He died 15 April 1828 at Holly in what is now Braxton County, West Virginia. He married Nancy, daughter of Thomas Belknap, on 15 June 1810 in Hampshire County, (West) Virginia. She was born in Pennsylvania in 1792 and was living as late as 1870 aged 78 with her daughter-in-law Lucinda Skidmore. They were buried in the Baker Run Cemetery but the bodies were later moved by the Army Corps of Engineers to the Braxton Cemetery. The dates copied by the Engineers do not seem to be correct and are not repeated here.

Levi Skidmore first appears on the tax lists of Pendleton County in 1800. He had a land grant of 17 acres on Skidmore Run in that county in 1802. He lived in Bath County, Virginia, from 1804 to about 1812. On 11 February 1812 Levi and Nancy "of Bath County" together with Isaac Skidmore conveyed the 240 acres they had inherited from their father at Thorny Meadows. He moved to Baker's Run in what is now Braxton County soon after; in 1813 he purchased 130 acres on the Elk River from Jeremiah Carpenter. He was a Constable in Randolph (which then included Braxton) County in 1813. He had further land grants of 100 acres on the waters of the Elk in 1815 and an additional 30 acres in 1822. The Levi Post Office on Baker's Run in Braxton County was named for him. His log house there descended to his son Thomas, a justice of the peace, who kept court here, and later to his grandson Clayborne Skidmore. The site of his home was flooded to make way for the Sutton Lake project completed in 1961.

He was drafted in Randolph County about 3 September 1814 for the term of six months. The recruits were marched 60 miles to the county seat of Randolph County where the company was detained for seven or eight days, and from there to Richmond where he was discharged for disability having served about 25 days. Levi Skidmore was a "weakly" man who had procured a horse to ride to the county seat where he took up the march on foot. From the fatigue of the travel he became unfit for duty and was discharged at Richmond, Henrico County, Virginia, according to the oath of Christian Bickle. Samuel Skidmore (no. 300) made oath that he saw Levi Skidmore pass through Pendleton County on the way to Richmond in the fall of 1814. Nancy Skidmore, his widow, applied for a pension on 9 April 1855 aged 62.

Levi Skidmore died 15 April 1828 and was buried with several of his children and grandchildren in the Baker's Run Cemetery about 1/2 mile from the Baker Run Railroad Station. His estate was not settled until 13 September 1848 when the Circuit Court of Braxton County directed that

the dower of Nancy Skidmore be laid off and a division be made among the heirs (including the three sons of his daughter Jane Ware, deceased).

Children:

303. i. Isaac, born 18 September 1811 (or 1812 according to his tombstone).

ii. Hannah, born 1813. Died in childhood.

304. iii. Thomas, born 1816.

iv. Jane, born 1817. She married John Ware on 26 April 1836, and had died before 20 June 1844 when he married (2) Mariah Belknap.

v. Mary Louisa, born 1819. She married Isaac Hines on 5 November 1839 in Braxton County. She died 9 December 1873.

vi. Susanna, born 1821. She married Hiram Hines on 3 December 1840 in Braxton County.

vii. Phebe, born 1822. She married Jonathan H. Burke on 8 January 1844. They were living in Gilmer County, (West) Virginia, in 1850. She was dead in 1880.

viii. Elijah, born 1824. He married Lucinda Wright (1835-1912) on 4 May 1854 in Harrison County, (West) Virginia. Elijah was one of the petitioners in 1859 to the General Assembly of Virginia for the formation of what became Webster County. The first court for the new county seat sat in 1860 at his house then under construction. In the same year Elijah Skidmore was taxed on a "pleasure carriage" valued at $75.00. During the Civil War companies E, G, I, and K of the 36th Ohio Infantry scoured Webster County looking for members of a partisan Confederate unit known as the "Webster Dare Devils." They found a muster roll of the outfit at the house of Elijah Skidmore just below Fort Lick. On 19 April 1862 the few houses and buildings which comprised the county seat were burned to the ground. His house stood a short distance west of the junction of the Elk River and the Back Fork of the Elk. He died 12 October 1865 in Webster County. His widow survived for many years and was living with her son Elihu in 1910 in Webster County.

ix. Elizabeth, born 1825. She married (1) William P. Ellison on 13 November 1845, and was his widow in the 1850 census. She married (2) Henry Cole on 16 May 1855.

x. Delilah, born 16 January 1827. She married Jordan Cogar (1820-1901) a farmer in Holly District. She died 8 October 1919.

xi. John, born 13 May 1828 (posthumous). He married (1) Elizabeth Lynch, and (2) Mrs Mary Boyd, a widow. They are living in 1900 in Fork Lick District, Webster County, about two miles below Webster Springs. His widow Mary Skidmore was living with her unmarried daughter Nancy Boyd in Webster County in 1910.

137. BENJAMIN[6] SKIDMORE, was born in Randolph County, (West) Virginia, the son of Edward (no. 55) and Deborah (_____) Skidmore, and died in Nelson County, Kentucky, before 22 July 1795. He married Sarah, the daughter of Alexander Bryant; she married (2) John Burnett on 31 July 1797 in Nelson County.

Sarah Skidmore was already a widow on 22 July 1795 when the tax list of Nelson County lists her with one horse, two cattle, and no male over 21. She is found with the same estate in 1796, and then disappears having remarried.

On 28 September 1801 Cornelius Westfall brought suit in Randolph County against William Cleaver, Benjamin Skidmore (heir at law to Edward Skidmore, deceased), Jonas Friend, Joseph Donohue, and Jesse Hamilton, doubtless to settle the title to the thousand acre tract that these men had patented in partnership.

Benjamin Skidmore had married Sarah Bryant on 28 June 1791, and can not have fathered more than a child or two. We have not identified any probable issue.

138. JAMES[6] SKIDMORE, was born about 1776 in Randolph County, (West) Virginia, the son of Edward (no. 55) and Deborah (_____) Skidmore. He was living in 1803 in what is now Grayson County, Kentucky. He married Damy Burnett on 23 November 1798 in Nelson County, Kentucky; the bondsman was John Wiseman and the marriage was performed by James Rogers.

James Skidmore is first listed in the tax rolls of Nelson County in 1796 with one male between 16 and 21. In the list for 1797 he is listed as over 21. He is still there in 1799, then disappears. In 1800 we find him in Ohio County, Kentucky, over 21, with one horse. In 1802 he is taxed there on 93 acres of third rated land on Short Creek (which is now within Grayson County) which had been entered by James Terry. He is taxed there in 1803 and then disappears. There is no probate for him in Ohio County. He does not appear in the 1810 census of Kentucky (or elsewhere) and presumably was dead soon after 1803. No children have been found in the proper period (born 1799-1804) to be attributed to him and his wife Damy.

He is <u>not</u> the James Skidmore who was mustered in at Vincennes, Indiana, on 11 September 1812 by Captain John Milburn to serve in the Fourth Regiment of Indiana Mounted Riflemen in the War of 1812. He was living in 1820 in Jefferson Township, Pike County, Indiana, and an inspection of the names of his neighbors and kinfolk there make it certain that this James Skidmore was born in Lee County, Virginia, to the Rickmansworth family.

138. JOSEPH[6] SKIDMORE, was born in Pendleton County, (West) Virginia, about the year 1772, the son of Thomas (no. 56) and Eleanor (?Hamilton) Skidmore. He married Joicey, probably the daughter of _____ Dotson, at a time and place presently unknown. She was born in Virginia in 1777, and was living in Carter County, Kentucky, his widow, in 1850 aged 73.

He is probably the Joseph Skidmore who appears on the tax list of Greenbrier County, (West) Virginia, in 1792, and a closer inspection of the records of that county might provide some information on his wife's family.

Joseph Skidmore did not benefit from the sale of his father's lands in Randolph County, and his 1/9 interest in them was never conveyed during his lifetime. On 25 March 1847 his four surviving daughters (Tabitha Littleton, Cintha Ann McLaughlin, Phebe Everman, and Edy Steuart) and their husbands signed a quitclaim deed for their interest in all of their grandfather's land in Randolph County; the consideration was $1.00.

Joseph Skidmore lived in what is now Carter County, but it was still a part of Greenup County when his will was proved on 10 November 1836. It provides for his wife Joycey and their six surviving children. The executors were Robert and Henry Scott, and the only witness was Joseph D. Collins. An inventory of the estate was taken on 31 December 1836 by John Everman, John James, and Edward James, and it totaled $275.62 1/2. On 15 May 1845 Joicey Skidmore deeded to her children Andrew N. Skidmore of Lewis County, Kentucky, John and Talitha Littleton, James and Edy Stewart, Samuel and Phebe Everman, James and Cintha McGlochlin, all of the Skidmore lands in Carter County, Kentucky, for $41.41, on the waters of Little Sinking Creek of the Little Sandy River being "the land I now live on."

Children:

i. Eleanor (Nelly), born about 1800. She married John Littleton on 6 April 1818. She was dead by 25 August 1826 when he married her sister as his second wife.

305. ii. Joseph D., born 1802.

306. iii. Andrew N., born 1806.

iv. Talitha, born 1807. She married John Littleton on 25 August 1826; he had previously married her sister Eleanor. He had served in the War of 1812, and she was living at Grayson County, Kentucky, in 1879, a pensioner in his right.

v. Edy, born 1809, a twin. She married James Steuart (1803-1868) on 2 January 1832. She was living in Carter County in 1850.

vi. Phebe, born 1809, a twin. She married Samuel Everman (1805-1875) on 12 December 1828. She was living in Carter County

in 1850.

vii. Cintha Ann, born 1812. She married James McLaughlin on 22 December 1834. She was living in Lewis County, Kentucky, in 1860.

139. ABRAHAM[6] SKIDMORE, was born in 1774 in Pendleton County, (West) Virginia, the son of Thomas (no. 56) and Eleanor (?Hamilton) Skidmore, and died in 1856 at Junior, Barbour County, (West) Virginia. He married Elizabeth, the daughter of John Vance, on 21 August 1804 in Randolph County. She was born in 1785 and died in 1868. She was living, aged 75, with her daughter-in-law Mary Skidmore in the 1860 census. They lived in Barker District, Barbour County.

He first appears on the tax lists in 1801. He patented 60 acres on Leading Creek in 1807, close to his father's land. He had moved by 1815 to the Elk River in what is now Braxton County where he purchased 40 acres at the month of Laurel Fork from Jeremiah Carpenter; this land is near the present town of Centralia. He patented 100 acres on Holly Creek in 1822, and returned probably in the same year to Barbour County (near Junior) where he built a grist mill on Zeb's Creek. He died there in 1856. There was no probate on his estate.

Children:

i. Anna, born 1806. She married Samuel Cade on 15 February 1835 in Randolph County. They were living at Belington, Barbour County, in 1870.

307. ii. Thomas, born 1808.

308. iii. John L., born 1812.

iv. Eleanor, born 1814. She married Solomon Yoke on 29 September 1835 in Randolph County. He was a stonecutter, and they were living in Highland County, Virginia, in 1850. She was living, his widow, in 1880 in Barker District, Barbour County, West Virginia.

309. v. Abraham, born 1820.

310. vi. Hiram, born 8 January 1822.

vii. Elizabeth, born 12 April 1825. She married Basil Jackson Mills on 17 September 1846. The Mills moved later to Clay District, Wirt County, West Virginia, and are buried there in Wolverton Cemetery at Munday.

viii. James Vance, born October 1827. He married Phebe A. Weese. He served in Company H, 10th West Virginia Infantry, in the Civil War, and died in 1912 in Grant District, Ritchie County, West Virginia.

140. JEREMIAH[6] SKIDMORE, was born in 1776 in Pendleton County, (West) Virginia, the son of Thomas (no. 56) and Eleanor (?Hamilton) Skidmore, and died on 6 September 1866 at Cleves, Hamilton County, Ohio. He

married Amelia Soward in Fayette County, Ohio, on 16 May 1816. She was born in 1795 in the Valley of Virginia, and was living, aged 85, in 1880 with her son Hiram at Cleves.

Jeremiah Skidmore was a tithable in Randolph County in 1800. He was living on 28 September 1810 in Fayette County, Ohio, when he sold his interest in a part of his father's land to his cousin Isaac Skidmore. On 16 October 1847 he signed another deed in Hamilton County, Ohio, disposing of his interest in his father's land on Leading Creek in Randolph County.

On 17 July 1880 Amelia Skidmore, aged 84, applied for a pension at Cleves, Hamilton County, Ohio, on the service of her husband in the War of 1812. Jeremiah was drafted at Washington Court House in Fayette County in Captain Lemuel Connelly's company for a period of 11 months and was discharged just before the end of the war at Lower Sandusky. He was then aged 26 or 27, 6' 7" tall, blue eyes, dark hair, light complexion and a farmer. All of his papers were burned years ago and his widow could not produce his discharge. Her application was rejected as Jeremiah could not be found on the rolls of Captain Connelly's company, an error by the Pension Bureau, for he does appear in the printed roster as serving in the company of Captain Lemuel Connelly from 28 July to 5 September 1813.

There was no probate on his estate in Hamilton County and we have not found any list of his heirs. There appears to have been four other sons who died young.

Children:

311. i. Alexander, born 1817.
312. ii. Squire, born 1821.
iii. Eunice, born 1823. She married James Kendrick on 12 September 1847. He was a farmer in Whitewater Township, Hamilton County, Ohio.
iv. Charles Wesley, born 19 December 1825. He married Mary J. Kendrick (1835-1877) on 30 May 1852 in Hamilton County, Ohio. He died 16 November 1890 in Dearborn County, Indiana, and is buried in the Whitewater Township Cemetery.
v. Hiram, born 3 May 1829. He married Elmira Basely (1837-1895) on 21 April 1856 in Hamilton County. He lived at Cleves on Skidmore Avenue. He died 19 February 1905, buried Maple Grove Cemetery, Cleves, Ohio.
vi. Emma, born 1835. She was living unmarried in 1880.

141. SAMUEL[6] SKIDMORE, was born in 1778 in Pendleton County, (West) Virginia, the son of Thomas (no. 56) and Eleanor (?Hamilton) Skidmore, and died in April of 1853 in Clay County, (West) Virginia. He married (1) Elizabeth, the daughter of Joseph and Nancy (Edward) Pitman. She

was a sister of the wife of his brother John Skidmore. She died in October 1820; they were married on 20 August 1812 in Randolph County. He married (2) on 29 November 1820 in Harrison County, (West) Virginia, Sarah Hall. She survived him and was living in Roane County, (West) Virginia, in 1860, aged 76.

He is first noticed as a tithable in 1800. He went briefly to Fayette County, Ohio, with his brother Jeremiah and was living there on 4 September 1811 when he sold his 1/9 interest in a part of his father's lands to his cousin Isaac. He returned to Virginia soon after.

On 31 May 1828, the will of Joseph Pitman of Randolph County provides that his son Joel Pitman shall have the share of his two granddaughters Abbey and Rebecca Skidmore which he is required to pay them at the age of 18 or at their marriage. (Abbey is presumably the daughter known later as Edy.) His will also provides for their aunt Juda Skidmore.

In 1840 Samuel Skidmore, his wife, and his four youngest daughters were enumerated in Nicholas (that part now Clay) County.

He moved later to Geary District, Roane (then Kanawha) County, (West) Virginia. On 7 May 1847 Samuel and Sarah Skidmore of Kanawha County sell to Elijah Skidmore the 1/9 interest that he had in his father's lands on Leading Creek. On 2 March 1847 Samuel and Sarah, then of Nicholas County, (West) Virginia, deeded to their son-in-law Abraham W. Helmick, 100 acres as well as all their stock, kitchen implements, etc., in return for support during their old age. Sarah Skidmore was living with the Helmicks in 1860, aged 76.

Children: (First wife)

i. Rebecca, born 1817. She married William King (1798-1855) and lived in Roane County.
ii. Edith (Edy), born October 1820. She married Alfred Drake on 30 September 1839, and was living his widow in 1870 in Geary District, Roane County.

(Second wife)

iii. Eleanor, born 1822. She married Lewis Lane (1827-____) on 18 July 1847 Kanawha County. They were living in Birch District, Braxton County in 1850. She was dead in 1880.
iv. Rhoda, born 1824. She married George W. Keene on 8 January 1846 in Kanawha County. They were living in Geary District, Roane County, in 1880.
v. Parthena, born 1828. She married Abraham White Helmick (1822-1900), a farmer. They were living in 1880 in Geary District, Roane County. She died 18 May 1893 aged 61 years, 9 months, and 25 days and is buried in the Helmick Cemetery, Hollwoody Road, at Newton in Roane County.

vi. Mary M., born 1831. She married James W. White on 16 September 1857. They were living in 1870 at Smithfield, Roane County.

142. LIEUTENANT THOMAS[6] SKIDMORE, was born 12 November 1785 in Randolph County, (West) Virginia, the son of Thomas (no. 56) and Eleanor (?Hamilton) Skidmore. He died in 1863 at Philippi, Barbour County, (West) Virginia. He married Mary, the daughter of Abraham and Margaret (Marteny) Kittle, Jr., on 5 April 1816 in Randolph County. She was born 30 July 1795 and died 6 September 1849.

He was an Ensign in the Randolph County Militia in 1807 and was promoted to Lieutenant in 1810. He had two 100 acre land grants and a third of 50 acres, all on Pheasant Run, in 1838. He lived in the Elk District of Barbour County. After his wife's death he lived with his daughter Deborah at Phillipi where he died in 1863.

In the 1850 census of Barbour County a Chapin Skidmore, aged 10, was living with Thomas Skidmore (presumably his grandfather) aged 65. Chapin J. Skidmore went to Washington County, Ohio, as a young man and enlisted there at Newport on 27 July 1861 at the age of 21 in Company B, 39th Ohio Infantry for three years or the duration of the war. He was severely wounded and was discharged at Iuka, Tishomingo County, Mississippi. He married Anna Hopple (1842-1923) on 31 December 1865 at New Matamoras, Washington County, Ohio. He went into the barrel business at Parkersburg, Wood County, West Virginia (where the demand for coopers far exceeded the supply), to serve booming oil business in the area. He suffered reverses when oil pipe-lines came into use in the 1890s. His three youngest sons worked for Standard Oil and were transferred to Bayonne, Hudson County, New Jersey, where they became executives in the firm. Chapin J. Skidmore died 1 July 1905 at Point Pleasant, Mason County, West Virginia.

Also living at home in 1850 were Lydia, aged 22, and Asa, aged 21.

Children:

313. i. Captain Hamilton, born 10 February 1817.
314. ii. Allen, born 1 September 1818.
315. iii. Hiram, born 9 April 1820.
iv. Deborah, born 1 November 1821. She married James A. Taylor on 14 March 1842. They were living at Philippi, Barbour County, in 1880.
316. v. George, born 19 September 1823.
317. vi. Marteny, born 25 May 1825.
vii. Lydia, born 5 November 1827. She married Edward F. Grant (1813-____), a widower, in 1852. He was a cabinet maker in Philippi where they were living in 1880.
318. viii. Asa, born 11 September 1829.

143. ELIJAH[6] SKIDMORE, was born 16 August 1787 in Randolph County. (West) Virginia, the son of Thomas (no. 56) and Eleanor (?Hamilton) Skidmore. He died 9 November 1860 at his farm near Kerens, Randolph County. He married Margaret, the daughter of John Cunningham, on 8 May 1814 in Randolph County. She was born 8 March 1792 and died 14 June 1875.

Elijah Skidmore lived on Leading Creek about three miles from Kerens where he acquired land granted in 1835. He also purchased his father's land on Leading Creek from his brother Jeremiah Skidmore on 16 October 1847, but the whole of this eventually went to his brother Thomas. He was a carpenter and he and his sons built the John Baxter Elliott Memorial Church at Meadowville; it was destroyed by a tornado on 22 June 1944.

He and his wife and a part of their family are buried in a family cemetery across the road from their house near Kerens. His will (dated 9 January 1860) mentions his son Alpheus Skidmore and his five married daughters Mary Channell, Jemina Schoonover, Rebecca Burke, Margaret Gilmore, and Pery Gilmore. He left his black man to his wife Margaret, with much else.

Children:

i. Mary, born 8 March 1815. She married William Channell on 30 September 1833.

319. ii. Noah, born 19 April 1816.

320. iii. David L., born 1 May 1817.

iv. Jemina, born 7 November 1818. She married Jackson S. Schoonover, and was living his widow at New Interest, Randolph County, in 1880.

v. Elijah, born 28 January 1820. He married Lydia Wells and was a carpenter by trade. They were living in 1900 in Glade District, Barbour County, with their son Hider D. Skidmore.

321. vi. John Cunningham, born 17 April 1821.

vii. Rebecca, born 14 January 1823. She married Reverend Charles W. Burke on 31 May 1844. They were living in 1880 at New Interest, Randolph County.

viii. Eli, born 26 March 1824. He married in 1851 Mary Jane Frazee. He was living in 1880 at Thompsonville, Franklin County, Illinois, and in 1900 at Washington, Daviess County, Indiana. His widow was living in 1915 at Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas.

ix. Margaret, born 26 December 1826. She married Isaac A. Gilmore on 23 November 1848. She died in 1862.

x. Agnes, born 29 June 1827. She married William W. Parsons (1818-____), a widower, on 8 April 1863.

xi. Alpheus, born 27 June 1829. He married Angeline Renix (1835-1910) on 15 September 1853. He lived on his father's home farm. He died 11 September 1901, buried Israel Cemetery near Kerens. His widow was living in 1910 with her son Luther M. Skidmore in Randolph County.

xii. Frances, born 4 February 1831, died an infant 4 August 1831.

xiii. Enoch, born 13 February 1833, died a child on 5 March 1838.

xiv. Perie, born 13 February 1835. She married David A. Gilmore (1834-____) on 7 June 1857. They were living in 1880 at New Interest, Randolph County.

144. JOHN[6] SKIDMORE, was born in 1789 in Randolph County, (West) Virginia, the son of Thomas (no. 56) and Eleanor (?Hamilton) Skidmore, and died 1859 at Belington Barbour County, (West) Virginia. He married Juda, a daughter of Joseph and Nancy (Edward) Pitman, on 13 February 1816 in Randolph County; she was a sister of the wife of his brother Samuel. Their father was a Revolutionary Soldier, serving (it is said) from Hanover County, Virginia.

His home was on Tom's Run about 1 1/2 miles west of Belington near Wilmouth Falls where a built a large, two story log house. He patented land there in 1832 and 1834. He also acquired two tracts by purchase from his brother Thomas and another from Samuel P. Moral. He was living as late as 7 January 1859 when he gave a deed to his son-in-law Abraham P. Harris, but was dead before the 1860 census was taken in Barbour County.

Children:

i. Rachael, born 1816. She married Nimrod Champ (1811-____), a blacksmith. They were living in 1880 at Belington.

322. ii. John, born 1818.

323. iii. Elihu, born 1820.

iv. Esther, born 1825. She married David L. Skidmore, her cousin, on 5 May 1842.

324. v. Nelson, born 1827.

vi. Amelia, born 1829. She married (after 1850) _____ Jones. (She is also said to have married Jim Hayes according to a hearsay account of this family.)

vii. Mary Jane, born February 1831. She married Abraham P. Harris on 28 June 1857. They lived in Curtis District, Roane County, West Virginia.

viii. Reverend Daniel, born 1837. He married (1) Mahala Harper, the widow of Ryland R. Alexander on 4 April 1856, and (2) Dianna C. Dyer on 12 April 1880 at Rochester, Beaver County, Pennsylvania. He enlisted at Spencer, on 21 September 1862 in Company F, 11 West Virginia Infantry, and was discharged for disability on 13 May 1863. His first wife Mahala and her son Charles were both patients in 1880 in the West Vir-

ginia Hospital for the Insane at Camden. He lived after the war in Roane, Webster and Cabell Counties, West Virginia, and died 10 December 1891 at Milton, Cabell County. His widow was living in 1910 in Cabell County.

ix. Henry, born 1840. Living in 1850, but probably died young.

145. JAMES[6] SKIDMORE, was born in 1793 in Randolph County, (West) Virginia, the son of Thomas (no. 56) and Eleanor (?Hamilton) Skidmore. He died in 1871 at Meadowville, Barbour County. He married on 25 April 1816 in Randolph County to Elizabeth Munday, who was born in 1797 and died in 1891 at the home of her son Felix. Elizabeth Munday is said to have been a foundling left on a Monday morning at the doorstep of a German farmer named Solomon Yock (Yoke) in Barker District, Barbour County. The tale is probably apocryphal as there are other Mundays in the county. In the 1880 census she was living with her son Felix aged 88 and both of her parents are given as born in West Virginia.

James Skidmore was drafted at Beverly for a term of three months in Captain Jonathan Wamsley's company of the Sixth Regiment of Virginia Militia for service in the War of 1812. He was then 5' 10" tall, black hair, blue eyes, fair complexion, and a private. On 5 April 1878 his widow Elizabeth of Meadowville applied for a pension, which was rejected on 8 October 1878. His cousin Andrew Skidmore (no. 148) served in the same company.

On 14 April 1825 James Skidmore purchased 150 acres on Hunter's Fork in Barbour County from William Marteney, and in 1832 he bought 99 acres on Tom's River from his brother Thomas Skidmore. In 1865 James and Elizabeth Skidmore deeded 50 acres on Teter Creek to their son Felix the consideration being "a comfortable and decent maintenance during the natural life of the said James and Elizabeth, ... and at their deaths to pay the funeral expenses."

Children:

i. Margaret, born 1818. She married David England on 29 September 1835.

ii. Lucinda, born 1820. She married Tobias Haller (1811-___) on 20 August 1840. He was a hatter and a combmaker. They were living in 1880 in Glade District, Barbour County, and are buried in the Nestorville Cemetery.

325. iii. Collins, born 1824.

iv. Henry, born 1826. He married Elizabeth Poling (1830-1921) in 1853. They lived in Glade District, Barbour County. He died 18 May 1898, buried Israel Methodist Church Cemetery, Kerens.

v. Martha, born 1828. Said to have been living in 1898; husband unknown.

vi. Hannah, born 1832. She married James Nestor (1828-____).

They were living in 1880 in Cove District Barbour County.

vii. Solomon, born 1834. He married Malinda Poling. They lived in Glade District, Barbour County. He died 10 March 1912.

viii. Mary, born 1837. She married John J. Auvil (1834-___) on 22 July 1853. They were living in 1880 in Glade District, Barbour County.

ix. Christina, born 1841. She married George E. Hershman on 5 February 1869 in Barbour County. They were living in 1880 in Reno District, Preston County, West Virginia.

x. Felix, born 1843. He married Mary Ellen Poling on 29 August 1883. They were living in Glade District, Barbour County, in 1900, but had moved by 1910 to Tucker County, West Virginia.

146. DR. SAMUEL[6] SKIDMORE, was born 8 August 1779 in Pendleton County, (West) Virginia, the son of Samuel (no. 57) and Ruth (Marsdon) Skidmore. He died 3 March 1852 in Morgan County, Georgia. He married (1) Nancy, the daughter of Daniel and Nancy (Thomas) Jett, and (2) Mariah E., the daughter of William and Alice (Egmon) West; she was born 31 March 1793 and died 13 November 1852.

On 2 February 1802 Samuel Skidmore of Greene County, Georgia, sold to his cousins Levi and Isaac Skidmore of Pendleton County, Virginia, the two tracts on Skidmore's Run which he had inherited from his father, for $500.00.

Dr. Skidmore was the first practicing physician in this part of Georgia; he was educated in England and ranked high in his profession. A man of wealth, he possessed a large two story house furnished in mahogany and rosewood. It is said that Andrew Jackson on his way to Florida in 1818 spent a night with Dr. Skidmore and was entertained royally by his host.

His will left his home plantation and the negroes of her selection to his widow. On her death all of his property was to be divided among his children.

Children: (First wife)

326. i. Jett Thomas, born 1806.

327. ii. Crosby Smith, born 1808.

iii. Sarah Parthena, born 9 April 1809. She married William Lawrence West (1801-1874) on 25 January 1826. He was a planter at Madison in 1860 and a brother of the second wife of Dr. Samuel Skidmore. She died in 1884.

(Second wife)

iv. Ann E. She married Thomas B. Baldwin on 14 February 1837 in Greene County, Georgia. She had died before 10 December

1840 when he married (2) Frances J. Morris. No issue is remembered in the will of Samuel Skidmore; probably died childless.

v. Ruth Sidney, born 1825. She married Francis Asbury Banks. He was a planter at Madison in 1860.

vi. Miranda W., born 1830. She married Captain S. G. Horsey, later mayor of Rome, Georgia, on 24 October 1854 in Morgan County.

vii. William S., born 1832. He served as a Corporal in Company A, Eighth Georgia Infantry, C. S. A. He enlisted 4 June 1861 at Rome, Georgia, and discharged for disability on 6 March 1862 at Richmond, Virginia.

viii. Sarah Amanda, born 1834. She married Joseph E. Veal, a jewelry merchant.

147. JAMES S.[6] SKIDMORE, was born on 16 August 1784 in Randolph County, (West) Virginia, the son of Andrew (no. 58) and Margaret (Johnson) Skidmore. He died about 1860 in the same county. He married (1) Sarah the daughter of Jacob Kittle on 14 February 1805 in Randolph County; she was the mother of all his children and died in March 1850 of rheumatism. He married (2) Prudence, a daughter of Mark Graham and previously the widow of Simon Coykendall. She was living, the widow of James Skidmore, in 1860 in the household of John Yocum in Barbour County.

James and Sarah Skidmore were baptized at the Valley Baptist Church on 21 August 1806, and admitted as members on 22 September 1806. This was the first church formed in Randolph County.

On 28 August 1809 his father deeded him 50 acres on the west side of the Tygart's River for $1.00, part of the tract where Andrew Skidmore Sr., then lived. He also owned 3300 acres of land below the mouth of Roaring Creek on the Tygart's River. James and Sarah Skidmore deeded 3000 acres of this in 1845 to his daughter and her husband John K. Scott, who later acquired a considerable fortune from the coal deposits there.

James S. Skidmore lived near the railroad station below Elkins. He is called a miller in the 1850 census.

Children:

328. i. William, born 1806.

ii. Margaret, born 1808. Died young.

329. iii. Hickman, born 1810.

iv. Edith, born 1812. She married James Madison Corley on 5 November 1844 in Braxton County, (West) Virginia. She died in 1851; he married (2) Deborah Camden Sprigg in 1851.

v. Edwin, born 1814.

vi. Elizabeth, born 1816. She married Isaac Harris (1815-____),

a widower, on 28 July 1853 in Barbour County, (West) Virginia. They were living in 1880 in Glade District, Barbour County with their son Jasper Harris.

vii. Rachel, born 1818. She married John K. Scott (1818-1883) on 16 November 1843 in Randolph County. They lived at Huttonsville in that county. She died 31 October 1899 and they are buried in the Scott Cemetery at Norton.

viii. Sarah Ann, born 1821. She married William Fogg Corley (1817-1896). She died 18 August 1880 and is buried in the Coffman Cemetery at Elkins. He married (2) Christina Skidmore, a niece of his first wife.

ix. Mary, born 1823. She married John Daly on 25 September 1843.

148. ANDREW[6] SKIDMORE, was born 20 March 1786 in Randolph County, (West) Virginia the son of Andrew (no. 58) and Margaret (Johnson) Skidmore, and died 24 April 1870 in Braxton County, (West) Virginia. He married Margaret, a daughter of Bennett Hudkins [Hoskins on marriage bond], on 9 May 1807 in Randolph County. She was born 3 January 1790 and died 25 February 1869 aged 79 years, 1 month, 22 days. They had been married 62 years at her death in 1869.

On 28 January 1811 his father deeded him 50 acres on the west side of the Tygart's River Valley for $1.00, a part of the tract where Andrew Skidmore, Sr., then lived, and adjoining the tract previously deeded to his older brother James. This land Andrew, Jr., sold on 26 October 1812 to Edwin S. Duncan for $400.00 and removed to Braxton County.

Andrew Skidmore enlisted for six months in Captain Jonathan Walmsley's company of the Sixth Regiment of Virginia Militia (under Lieutenant Colonel Isaac Booth) on 3 September 1814. His cousin James Skidmore (no. 145) served in the same company; both left the service on 8 December 1814 at Norfolk, Virginia.

Andrew Skidmore settled three miles below the present town of Sutton in Braxton County on the Elk River on a tract of 140 acres bought from John D. Sutton and paid for principally by building a post and rail fence on the Sutton bottom land on the site of what became the county seat of Braxton County. This farm went on his death to his son James and then to his grandson Henderson Skidmore (1875-1940). The widow of Henderson lived there until her death in 1979.

Andrew Skidmore is said to have been a man of extraordinary strength and endurance, weighing 180 pounds. The tale is told how he killed a yearling bear on Wolf Creek and carried it home on his shoulders along with his gun, shot pouch and knapsack, pausing to rest only twice although the distance was over seven miles. The old hewn log house he built was still standing after 125 years.

He served on the first grand jury for the new county of Braxton on 12 September 1836. A portrait of him will be found in John D. Sutton's history of Braxton County. He and his wife and several of their children are buried in a cemetery at Beall's Mills two miles above Gassaway on the Elk River.

Children:

i. Naomi, born 4 December 1809. She married Levi Rogers (1803-1871) on 23 March 1825, the ceremony performed by Reverend John Skidmore. She died 7 February 1877 and is buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery at Wallback, West Virginia. They lived at Newtown, Roane County.

ii. Susan, born 1811. She married Honorable Felix Sutton (1802-1884) on 1 January 1829. She died in July 1846. He assisted in forming the state of West Virginia and served in the first two sessions of its House of Delegates. They were the parents of John D. Sutton, the first historian of the central part of the state.

iii. Mary (Polly), born 17 June 1813. She married James Sutton (1812-1886) on 3 November 1829. James Sutton was a stonecutter and a crier at the Braxton County Court. She died 20 August 1897 and is buried in the Asa Long Cemetery.

iv. Eleanor (Nellie), born 29 November 1815. She married Elijah Rogers (1810-____) in 1833. They lived at Newtown, Roane County, where she died about 1911 aged 96.

v. Sally, born 1817. She married Levi Prince (1811-1870). She was buried in the Squires Cemetery at Salt Lick in Braxton County. Prince is said to have died in Ohio.

vi. Eliza, born 1819. Died an infant.

330. vii. Allen, born 27 January 1821.

331. viii. Captain Felix, born 18 April 1823.

ix. David, born 1826. Died an infant.

x. James, born 31 July 1828. He married Caroline Duffield (1840-1912) on 9 December 1856. They were married in 1880 in Otter District, Braxton County. James Skidmore died 7 April 1895 aged 66 years, 8 months and 8 days. His widow was living in 1910 with her son Henderson Skidmore.

149. JOSEPH G.[6] SKIDMORE, was born 17 June 1794 in Randolph County, (West) Virginia, the son of Andrew (no. 58) and Margaret (Johnson) Skidmore, and died 5 September 1865 in Putnam County, West Virginia, at the home of his niece Caroline High. He never married.

Joseph G. Skidmore and James M. Camp as partners patented 83 acres on Bee Run and 193 acres on the waters of the Elk River in 1821. In November 1836 in the newly formed county of Braxton he and L. D. Camden were given permission to build a dam across the Elk River at Sutton and erect a mill at that point. There is no record that this project was ever

completed.

He owned several lots in Sutton which he sold in 1838 and moved to Kanawha (probably that part now Putnam) County. On 10 September 1853 Joseph G. Skidmore and James High purchased from William N. and Mary Halley for $137.50 land on the south side of the Pocatalio River opposite the mouth of Frogg's Creek embracing a mill site and containing eight acres.

He never married and was living with his niece Caroline High at the mouth of the Poca in Putnam County in the 1860 census. He died in Kanawha County on 5 September 1865, his death being reported by James High. There was no probate on his estate.

150. JESSE[6] SKIDMORE, was born 16 April 1796 in Randolph County, (West) Virginia, the son of Andrew (no. 58) and Margaret (Johnson) Skidmore. He married Elizabeth Coker on 2 March 1819 in Nicholas (now Braxton) County; she is said to have died about 1840. He is reported to have died in July 1849 aged 51 in Putnam County of cholera according to the mortality schedule of the 1850 census. There is clearly some error here for he is enumerated in Webster County in the same census as a laborer living in the household of John S. Morton. He is last noticed in 1860 when he was living in Kanawha County; how long he lived after this census is unknown.

He purchased a fiddle in 1814 at the estate sale of his cousin Thomas Friend in Randolph County for £1 12sh 3d. He is enumerated in the 1820 and 1830 census of Nicholas County.

On 9 September 1853 100 acres of land which he owned on the Elk River was sold for back taxes at a Sheriff's sale. The purchaser was his brother Benjamin Skidmore.

Children:

i. Caroline, born 1821. She married James S. High on 14 April 1840 in Kanawha County. They lived in that county but were enumerated in 1850 in Putnam County, (West) Virginia.

ii. Jennings, born September 1826. He married Mary S. Baber on 22 April 1853 in Kanawha County. He was a farmer, merchant, and postmaster at Rocky Ford, Kanawha County, and living there a widower in 1900. Had issue.

iii. Dulcina, born 1828. She was living unmarried in 1850.

iv. Susan, born 1831. She married Morrison Bailey on 16 December 1853 in Putnam County; living there in 1860.

151. JOHN[6] SKIDMORE, was born 15 August 1800 in Randolph County, (West) Virginia, the son of Andrew (no. 58) and Margaret (Johnson) Skidmore. He was living, a bachelor, in the 1870 census of Braxton

County.

On 7 November 1828 (immediately after their father's death) Benjamin Skidmore conveyed 100 acres to his brother Jesse Skidmore for the support, clothing, and boarding of John Skidmore who is "supposed to be incapable of managing his own business." John Skidmore lived with his brother Jesse until 1840 when Jesse, of Kanawha County, deeded back this land on 6 January 1841 as his wife had died.

John Skidmore was living in the 1870 census with Robert and Elizabeth Jackson in Braxton County; nothing more has been learned of him.

152. BENJAMIN[6] SKIDMORE, was born 20 October 1802 in Randolph County, (West) Virginia, the son of Andrew (no. 58) and Margaret (Johnson) Skidmore, and died at Sutton, Braxton County, (West) Virginia, on 8 July 1875. He married Mary, a daughter of Josiah Gordon; she was born 1 December 1804 at Mooresfield, Hardy County, (West) Virginia, and died 2 December 1887 at Sutton. They are buried in the Skidmore Cemetery at Sutton which he founded.

Benjamin Skidmore, "a most exemplary citizen," succeeded to the farm on Skidmore Bottom (now a part of Sutton) where his father had settled in 1812. It passed at his death to his son Jennings Skidmore. Scarcely a dozen families lived in the neighborhood of "Suttonville" in 1836 when it was platted and incorporated as Sutton. Benjamin Skidmore witnessed the birth of the town and on 24 May 1836 "Benjamin Skidmore, having produced to the court William Nelson's receipt [he was the first clerk of the county] for two dollars, the amount imposed by law, leave is granted him for keeping a house of private entertainment in the said county until the first day of the May court next."

He helped to build Sutton into a thriving town, but on 29 December 1861 it was burned by three companies of Confederate soldiers. A part of the town was saved by heroic efforts, largely futile, for a second force invaded the town and burned most of what remained. The Camden Hotel, which had been converted into a Federal hospital and housed 35 badly wounded Union soldiers, was also destroyed by this raiding party. The first group had spared the hospital and paroled its inmates. Only four houses remained standing at the end of the war.

In 1884 Jennings Skidmore and his sister Mary Ann Gillespie sold Andrew Skidmore's land on Skidmore's Run but reserved one acre about the Skidmore Cemetery. This was incorporated as the Benjamin Skidmore Cemetery Association, and most of Sutton's prominent citizens are buried there.

Benjamin Skidmore was a dare-devil horseman. His grandson, James Hanson Skidmore, would sometimes ride with him as a child and the grandfather would tell him to "Hang onto the withers Jamie" while they galloped across the fields. It is said that his wife Mary took a dim view of

these amusements: "You will kill that boy Benjy, and Hilliard (Jamie's father) will kill you."

Children:

i. Johnson R., born 22 June 1827. Died an infant on 4 March 1828.

332. ii. Hilliard, born 7 May 1829.

iii. George Washington, born 10 September 1831. He was a merchant at Sutton in partnership with F. C. Boggs. He died unmarried on 13 October 1852.

iv. John Newhouse, born 7 May 1833. He married Emma Ellen Brown on 5 December 1858 in Nicholas County. He enlisted in the Confederate Army with his brother Hilliard at Little Birch in Braxton County in Company I, 17th Virginia Cavalry. In January 1863 this company was transferred to the 14th Regiment of Virginia Cavalry, becoming Company L. John N. Skidmore was detailed to return to Braxton County as a scout (spy) where he was captured on 20 March 1863. He was first confined at Atheneum Prison at Wheeling, transferred to Camp Chase on 14 April 1863, and then to Johnson's Island (near Sandusky, Ohio) on 14 June 1863. He was returned to City Point, Virginia on 24 February 1865 for exchange. He and his wife went after the war to Missouri stopping briefly at Minden Mines in Barton County, but moving soon after to a farm northwest of Flemington, Polk County, Missouri. They went next to Cassville, Barry County, Missouri, where John Newhouse Skidmore died 1 August 1889 after a fall from a fruit tree. He is buried in a marked grave in Mineral Springs Cemetery, seven miles from Cassville. His widow and her children returned to Flemington; she died 13 March 1913 in Tyler Township, Hickory County, Missouri, and is buried in the Roundtree Cemetery three miles east of Cassville.

v. Sarah born 16 February 1836. Died an infant on 22 September 1838; buried Skidmore Cemetery.

vi. Salina, born 27 October 1838. She married James A. Baugh, and lived in Holly District, Braxton County where she died 4 August 1900. They are buried in the Skidmore Cemetery at Sutton.

vii. Sabina, born 30 December 1840. She married Benjamin T. Canfield on 21 February 1856. He was the postmaster at Canfield, Braxton County.

viii. Caroline, born 14 February 1843. She married Jeremiah M. Mace (1842-1923), who served in Company C, 25th Virginia Infantry. They were married 19 December 1865. She died 21 March 1875 and is buried in the Skidmore Cemetery.

ix. James, born 8 June 1844. Died an infant on 6 August 1845.

x. Benjamin Franklin, born 25 January 1846. He married Tamar Kirk Johnson (1847-1924) and died at Richard City, Tennessee on 15 January 1929. They were living in 1910 with their son

Henry L. Skidmore in Chattooga County, Georgia.

xi. Jennings, born 9 March 1848. He married (1) Margaret Skidmore on 15 May 1870; she died 18 May 1894 aged 44 years, 2 months, 7 days, and is buried in the Skidmore Cemetery at Sutton; and (2) Kate Lee Davis on 22 August 1896 in Harrison County, West Virginia. He died at Clarksburg on 19 December 1912.

xii. Mary Ann, born 24 December 1850. She married 17 December 1868 William S. Gillespie and lived in Holly District, Braxton County. She died 11 November 1911.

xiii. Andrew, born 12 April 1853. Died an infant on 17 May 1853.

xiv. Rebecca, born 6 December 1863. She married Thomas Daly and was living at Webster Springs in Webster County, West Virginia, in 1911.

153. NATHANIEL[7] SKIDMORE, was born 15 April 1788 in Newburgh Township, Orange County, New York, the son of Timothy (no. 62) and Anna (Satterly) Skidmore, and died in Darke County, Ohio, on 14 March 1855 aged 66 years, 11 months. He married Martha, the daughter of Samuel and Anna (Rider) Cole; she was born on 6 August 1793 in New Jersey and died 23 January 1860 aged 66 years, 5 months, 17 days. They are buried in the Sharpeye Cemetery in Darke County.

Nathaniel Skidmore and his father-in-law removed from Sussex County, New Jersey, to Washington Township, Darke County, Ohio, in 1818. Nathaniel Skidmore and Jeremiah Rogers entered portions of section 28 in Washington Township and Nathaniel cleared most of the farm where he lived until his death in 1855.

On 15 October 1828 Nathaniel Skidmore of Washington Township, Darke County, Ohio, signed a deed in Suffolk County selling six acres on the south side of the village of Fireplace to Nathaniel Tuthill, Jr., of Brookhaven, for $155.00. The witnesses were Mordecai Homan and Peter Skidmore, and it would seem that Nathaniel was back on Long Island for a visit.

A picture of his handsome brick house on the Winchester Pike built in 1836 will be found in Steven J. Miller's The Palestine Book, a history of Liberty (German) Township, Darke County, Ohio (1983). This house descended to his son Peter Skidmore and is now (1984) owned by Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Miller. A shake single addition has recently been added to the east side of the house.

On 18 February 1856 seven of his nine heirs (Samuel C. Skidmore and wife Susannah; Joseph Chenowith and Anna; Richard P. Chenowith and Julia; Timothy Skidmore and Elizabeth; Levi Elston and Emeline; Sarah Skidmore; and Mary Skidmore) signed a quitclaim deed selling 221 acres in the north part of the east half section of Section 28, Township 12, Range 1, to their brothers Peter and Benjamin F. Skidmore (the other two heirs). The deed notes that this was pursuant to an agreement which Nathaniel, the father, had made in his lifetime for the support of Martha Skidmore, mother of the said heirs.

Children:

i. Anna, born 1815. She married Joseph F. Chenowith on 24 November 1831. He was a farmer in 1850 in Washington Township, Darke County, Ohio.

333. ii. Samuel Cole, born 19 July 1817.

iii. Julia, born 5 February 1821. She married Richard P. Chenowith on 10 March 1841 and moved in 1858 to Logan County, Illinois. She died there 24 January 1866 aged 44 years, 11 months, 19 days, buried Union Cemetery, Eminence

Township, Logan County, Illinois.

334. iv. Timothy, born 1833.

v. Sarah, born 1825. Unmarried in 1856.

vi. Peter, born 6 April 1828. He married Sarah A. Rogers (1839-1903) on 15 March 1856. He was a farmer on Hoovers' Branch, and served in Company G, 152nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry in 1864 (pensioned 1892). He died 9 January 1909, buried Sharpeye Cemetery.

vii. Mary, born 26 February 1830. She married James Rush on 17 March 1864. She died 25 November 1904, buried Sharpeye Cemetery.

viii. Benjamin Franklin, born 21 January 1832. He married Jemina E. Rogers on 21 February 1860. Served in Company G, 152nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry in 1864. Died 9 June 1865, buried Sharpeye Cemetery, aged 33 years, 1 month.

ix. Emeline, born 19 December 1834. She married Levi Elston (1828-1900) on 28 December 1851 at Hill Grove, Darke County. She died 6 April 1903 and is buried in Spring Hill Cemetery, Washington Township, Darke County, Ohio.

154. TIMOTHY[7] SKIDMORE, was born 4 July 1795 in Newburgh Township, Orange County, New York, the son of Timothy (no. 62) and Anna (Satterly) Skidmore, and died in the same county on 17 February 1842, aged 46 years, 7 months, 14 days. He married Elizabeth, a daughter of Jacob DeWitt; she was born 6 April 1802 and died 25 May 1870 aged 67 years, 11 months, 19 days. They are buried in the Unionville Cemetery in Orange County.

In the 1830 census Timothy Sidmore [sic] is living in Wantage Township, Sussex County, New Jersey, just across the state line from Unionville, New York. His widow is the head of a household there in 1850 that included her four daughters, her father, and Phebe J. Masterton, aged 42.

In the 1900 census Mary Ann Skidmore was living at Unionville, Orange County, New York, aged 65, with her nephew by marriage John Prescott. Prescott, a native of England, had married Cora Estelle Ketcham (born 1865) a daughter of Phebe Skidmore.

Children:

i. Julia Ann, born 2 October 1829. Died an infant on 23 January 1832, buried Unionville Cemetery.

ii. Melinda J., born 11 August 1831. Died 24 March 1835, buried Unionville Cemetery.

iii. Harriet, born 1833. She married (1) Andrew J. Olmstead on 31 December 1857. He is buried at Unionville. She married (2) _____ _____. She was living at Deckertown, Sussex County, New Jersey, in 1875.

iv. Mary Ann, born July 1835. Living as spinster in 1900 at

Unionville; died there 1918. Buried Unionville Cemetery.

v. Emily, born 13 February 1838. Died in childhood on 22 December 1846. Buried Unionville Cemetery.

vi. Phebe, born 28 January 1840. She married Dr. Horace Chauncey Ketcham (1840-1879) on 28 October 1864. She died 20 April 1884 and is buried in the Unionville Cemetery.

155. WALTER S.[7] SKIDMORE, was born 1 November 1798 at Riverhead, Suffolk County, Long Island, the son of Hezekiah (no. 63) and Mary (Edwards) Skidmore, and died at the same place on 28 July 1874 aged 75 years, 8 months, 28 days. He married Harmony R. Warner, born 26 October 1804 and died 26 February 1884 aged 81 years, 4 months. They are buried in the Presbyterian Cemetery, at Laurel, Long Island.

He was a farmer for most of his live at Franklinville, Long Island, and a member of the Presbyterian Church. A Bible presented in 1894 from Nancy W. Skidmore to her nephew W. H. Skidmore includes a record of the family of Walter Skidmore; see also the Warner Bible now in the Sayville Historical Society at Sayville, Long Island.

Children:

i. Hannah W., born 2 February 1824. She married Isaac Reeve (1820-1900) of Southold. She died 2 August 1876 aged 56 years, 6 months. She is buried in the Presbyterian Cemetery, Laurel, Long Island.

ii. David, born 20 July 1828. Probably died young.

iii. Saphronia, born 18 July 1830. She married Robert Rogers on 5 December 1856, and was living his widow at Huntington in 1880.

iv. William Henry, born 24 September 1832. He married (1) Georgiana Hudson (1839-1863) on 26 November 1857, and (2) Mary S. Velsor (1839-1886) on 24 October 1869. He was an express agent at Huntington where he died 1 December 1896. (His first wife is buried in the Wading River Cemetery.)

v. Daniel Warner, born 3 August 1835. He married Elsie Ann Hallock (1839-1898) on 4 September 1860 at Aqueboque, Long Island. He was a farmer on Herrick Lane, East Jamesport, Long Island, and died in 1896.

vi. Mary Anna, born 12 June 1838. Dead leaving no issue by 1874.

vii. Adelaide Augusta, born 25 June 1841. She married Charles W. Reeve (1846-1923) of Southampton, Long Island. She died there in 1923, buried North Sea Cemetery.

156. JAMES SELL[7] SKIDMORE, was born 12 December 1812 at Riverhead, Suffolk County, Long Island, the son of Hezekiah (no. 63) and Mary (Edwards) Skidmore. He died at the same place on 28 September 1895. He

married (1) Sarah Maria Herrick (26 September 1814-23 May 1837) on 28 November 1836 at Franklinville, Long Island, and (2) Lucy Sayer (5 September 1813-29 September 1904) in 1840. She was the mother of his three children. They are buried in the Presbyterian Cemetery, Laurel, Long Island.

He attended Franklinville Academy. Elder Skidmore was a member of the Presbyterian Church at Riverhead for over 50 years. He was a farmer at Riverhead, and a Commissioner of the Common Schools there in 1843.

Children: (Second wife)

i. James Francis, born 4 January 1842. Died an infant on 4 June 1842. Buried Presbyterian Cemetery, Laurel, Long Island.
ii. Maria H., born 18 May 1843. She married Dr. Henry Parson Terry on 17 May 1866. She died 7 June 1876 aged 33 years, 20 days; buried Presbyterian Cemetery, Laurel, Long Island. He married (2) Hettie Griffing.
iii. James Francis, born 7 May 1849. Died an infant on 17 May 1852. Buried Presbyterian Cemetery, Laurel, Long Island.

157. GEORGE S.[7] SKIDMORE, was born 12 April 1819 at Riverhead (Franklinville), Suffolk County, Long Island, the son of Hezekiah (no. 63) and Mary (Edwards) Skidmore, and died at the same place 17 May 1896. He married on 28 February 1844 at Riverhead Sarah J., the daughter of Nathaniel and Irene (_____) Vale, of New York City. She was born 24 February 1827 in New York City, and died 24 October 1882 aged 55 years, 8 months. They are buried in the Presbyterian Cemetery at Laurel, Long Island.

He farmed half of the land owned by his father at Franklinville, the other 75 acres being left to his brother James Sell Skidmore. He lived with his parents until their deaths. He made most of his money in livestock. A Republican, he is called "a leading and influential citizen." He had no children, and his heirs in 1896 were his sister Catherine and certain children and grandchildren of his deceased brothers and sisters.

158. JOSHUA CORWIN[7] SKIDMORE, was born 25 August 1803 the son of Richard (no. 64) and Mary (Corwin) Skidmore, and died before 5 September 1866 at Great Neck, South Hempstead, Queens County, Long Island. He married Elizabeth, a daughter of Abraham and Sarah (Howell) Post; she was born 11 November 1809 and died 27 June 1890 at Riverhead. She was living in 1880 at Center Moriches, Long Island; her funeral was held at St. George Episcopal Church at Flushing on 4 June 1890. She is buried in the Flushing Cemetery.

Joshua C. Skidmore had moved to Brooklyn, Kings County, by 1833 where he was a merchant at 49 Hicks Street. He also appears a year earlier in New York City as a merchant on Cedar Street, residing in Brooklyn. He continued in business at both places until 1847 when he moved to North Hempstead (where he is enumerated in the 1850 census). The administration of his estate was given to his three sons on 5 September 1866.

Children:

i. William James, born 9 April 1833 at Brooklyn. He married Louise Udall (who was living his widow at North Hempstead in 1900). He was a merchant in New York City, and died 3 August 1866 at Manhasset, Long Island, buried in the Quaker Burying Ground there.

ii. Richard Henry, born 22 November 1835. A bachelor, he lived in New York City and Center Moriches, Long Island, where he died 22 February 1880.

iii. Abram Post, born 9 April 1838. A bachelor, he lived North Hempstead, but commuted to his business in New York City. He perished in the Seawanhaka disaster; it caught fire about 4:30 on the afternoon of 28 June 1880 on the way from Peck Slip in Manhattan to Glen Cove, Long Island, and beached and burned near Randall Island.

159. JAMES HARVEY[7] SKIDMORE, was born 2 February 1809, the son of Richard (no. 64) and Mary (Corwin) Skidmore, and died 20 May 1898 at Riverhead, Suffolk County, Long Island. He married Phebe Ann, the daughter of Samuel and Mehitabel (Tuthill) Hawkins. She was born 12 July 1815 and died 31 July 1871 at South Haven, Long Island. He was living with his widowed daughter, Charity Jagger, at South Haven in 1880 and perhaps died there. They are buried in the Congregational Cemetery at Baiting Hollow, Long Island.

He was a farmer and a miller at Brookhaven and Riverhead for most of his life. The five youngest children of James Harvey Skidmore are all remembered in the will of Abram Post Skidmore probated in 1880.

Children:

i. Isabel Graham, born 17 April 1837. She married Josiah Franklin Corwin on 4 August 1856 at Fresh Ponds. She died 26 March 1857.

ii. Chauncey Hawkins, born 8 April 1839. He married Emma Hayes (1842-1902) on 1 March 1862 at Baiting Hollow. He was a shipmaster in Brooklyn and was living in 1900 at 87 Lafayette Avenue with his daughter Isabel and her husband Dewitt K. Barker. He was living in 1908.

iii. Richmond Tuthill, born 10 February 1841. He married Mary

Amelia Davis on 1 February 1870. He was a dry goods merchant in Riverhead village; died there on 29 January 1906 aged 64.

iv. James Joshua, born 12 December 1842. He died unmarried on 14 September 1908, buried in the Congregational Cemetery at Wading River. He died at Brooklyn, but the administration of his estate was given to his brother Chauncey H. Skidmore at New York City on 9 October 1908.

v. Charity Jagger, born 10 October 1845. She married Josiah Warren Youngs on 31 March 1870 at Baiting Hollow. She died 2 May 1904, buried Congregational Cemetery at Wading River.

vi. Mary Mehitabel, born 9 May 1848. She married Wesley Dixon Hawkins (1848-1929) on 30 October 1873 at South Haven, Long Island. They are buried at Baiting Hollow. He was employed for 37 years in the Sub-Treasury in New York City. They lived later at Mount Vernon, New York, where she died 7 November 1929.

160. WILLIAM[7] SKIDMORE, born 18 August 1799 at Riverhead, Suffolk County, Long Island, and died 9 May 1887 aged 87 years, 8 months, 24 days, at Manhasset, Long Island. He was the son of Samuel (no. 65) and Hannah (Brown) Skidmore. He married (1) Martha Burtis who was born 13 April 1803 and died 24 August 1848, and (2) Ann _____, born 7 May 1805 and died 1 July 1852. They are all buried at Manhasset, Queens County, Long Island.

William Skidmore was a sea captain early in life. Later he settled on a farm at Little Neck in Queens County, and moved later to Cow Neck in North Hempstead in 1837. He was an Overseer of the Poor in Queens County in 1833 (and later), and Assessor in 1840.

Children: (First wife)

i. Emeline, born 20 September 1829. She married Daniel Allen Cornwell on 4 December 1850 at Christ Church, Manhasset, and lived at Sands Point, Long Island. She died 20 October 1879 aged 50 years, 1 month, and is buried at the Sands Point Cemetery, Port Washington.

ii. William A., born 5 March 1834. He married Edeliza Elizabeth Seaman (1835-1911) on 28 January 1857. He was a dry goods merchant in New York City until 1885 when he retired to Plantome Hills, Long Island. He died 11 March 1909 aged 75 years, 6 days; buried Manhasset, Long Island.

iii. Annie A., born 1839. She married Joseph W. Newton on 30 November 1870 at the Zion Episcopal Church at Douglaston, Long Island.

iv. George W., born 5 January 1842. Died an infant on 9 April 1842; buried Manhasset, Long Island.

v. Henry C., born 31 August 1845. He died 31 January 1864 aged

18 years, 3 months. Buried Manhasset, Long Island.

161. SYLVESTER[7] SKIDMORE, was born 20 March 1806 at Riverhead, Suffolk County, the son of Samuel (no. 65) and Hannah (Brown) Skidmore, and died at Rahway, Union County, New Jersey, on 4 March 1887. He married Phebe Wood, who was born in 1806 and had died before 10 January 1889 when her will was probated in Union County, New Jersey. They were married on 24 October 1832 at the Presbyterian Church, Hempstead, Queens County, Long Island.

Sylvester Skidmore, sashmaker, appears only once in 1834 in the New York City directories when he was living at 51 1/2 Clinton Street. He removed immediately thereafter to Hempstead, Long Island, when he is called a carpenter in the 1850 census. He moved later to Rahway, New Jersey. His four eldest children never married.

Children:

i. Elizabeth born January 1834. Living unmarried at Rahway in 1900.
ii. Phebe Eloise, born October 1836. Living unmarried at Rahway in 1900.
iii. Henry Clay, born 1839. Dead 1889.
iv. Maria Rebecca, born 1843. Dead 1889.
v. Ann Wood, born 1846. She married Ebenezer B. Jackson on 6 September 1871 at the Bergen Reformed Church, Jersey City, New Jersey. She was living at Jersey City, Hudson County, in 1889.

162. LUTHER[7] SKIDMORE, was born at Riverhead, Suffolk County, Long Island, on 16 February 1808, and died at the same place on 20 January 1872. He was a son of Samuel (no. 65) and Hannah (Brown) Skidmore. He married in 1833, Esther Ann, the daughter of Elijah and Esther (Hubbard) Whipple; she was born 11 November 1815 in New York City and died at Riverhead on 19 November 1889 aged 74 years, 8 days. They are buried in the Riverhead Town Cemetery.

He appears in the city directories of New York City in 1834 and 1835 as a sashmaker at 129 Broome Street. He returned immediately thereafter to Riverhead, Long Island, where he became a manufacturer of sash and blinds. He was a Supervisor for the town in 1862 and also served as a Collector there.

Children:

i. Sarah L., born 9 May 1835. She married Honorable Dr. George Howell (1829-1879), a member of the General Assembly of New York. She died 17 July 1881, buried Riverhead Town

Cemetery.

ii. Elizabeth Miller, born 24 January 1839. She married J. Henry Perkins (1839-1902), the Treasurer of Suffolk County, on 21 May 1861. She died 25 March 1907, buried Riverhead Town Cemetery.

iii. George Howell, born 26 December 1841. He married Mary Emily Benjamin on 30 March 1881. He was an architect and builder at Riverhead, where he died 19 May 1904. Buried Riverhead Town Cemetery.

iv. Theodore, born 10 April 1844. He married Charlotte E. Pettens (1848-1912). He served in Company K, 127th New York Infantry in the Civil War, and was in the sash and blind business at Riverhead. Died there 18 July 1920.

v. Emma Whipple, born March 1846. Never married, she was a school teacher at Riverhead and Dobbs Ferry, Westchester County, New York.

vi. Elijah Whipple, died 24 September 1849, aged 10 months, 10 days; buried Riverhead Cemetery.

vii. Charles S., born July 1854. He married Caroline Autenreith (1856-1896). He was in the sash and blind business at Riverhead; living 1926.

viii. Frank L., born 30 December 1856. He married Theresa B. Corwin on 22 December 1880. He died 30 December 1905, buried Riverhead Town Cemetery.

ix. Grace Greenwood, born December 1860. Never married, she was a nurse in New York City in 1896. She was living in 1926 at Riverhead, Long Island.

163. DANIEL H.[7] SKIDMORE, born in 1799 at Rocky Point, Suffolk County, Long Island, the son of Peter (no. 66) and Hannah (Homan) Skidmore. He died on 12 February 1873 at East Setauket, Long Island, aged 74. (The index to the Long Islander says 12 February 1874, an error.) He married Sarah M., the daughter of Jacob Van Brunt, on 25 November 1823 at the Setauket Presbyterian Church. She was born 29 August 1800 at Setauket, and died at East Setauket in 1864. They are buried in the Port Jefferson Cemetery.

He purchased 100 acres at East Setauket in 1832 and lived there for the rest of his life. He was an Overseer of Highways in 1838 and 1848, and a Commissioner of Highways in 1841. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church at Setauket and is spoken of as a "kindly man held in high esteem by his fellow citizens."

Children:

i. Nancy. (A daughter of this name is mentioned by Emily C. Hawley but nothing else can be learned of her. Neither she nor any of her heirs are mentioned in the petition for administration on the estate of Daniel H. Skidmore in 1873.)

ii. James R., born 21 February 1825. He married Georgiana A. Hawkins (1836-1910) who never remarried after his death on 26 March 1862 aged 37 years, 1 month, 5 days. He was a mechanic, and his three minor children were heirs of their grandfather in 1873. Buried Port Jefferson Cemetery.

iii. Reverend Albert F., born 1827. Minister of the Yaphank Baptist Church from 1858 to 1862. Chaplain of the 139th New York Infantry in the Civil War. He died unmarried on 6 February 1867 at Setauket, buried Port Jefferson Cemetery.

iv. Daniel H., born 27 August 1829. He married (1) Hannah M. Randall (1839-1873), and (2) on 7 June 1873 Anna E. _____ (1838-1930), previously the widow of Jeremiah Horton. He died at Port Jefferson on 29 December 1913 aged 84; buried with both of his wives in the Port Jefferson Cemetery.

v. Peter M., born 17 October 1832. He married Frances E. Hawkins (1835-1912) on 22 December 1859. He inherited a part of his father's farm and was also an oysterman. He died 30 June 1902, buried Port Jefferson Cemetery.

vi. Sarah M., born 3 April 1835. She married Ellis Jones (1827-1900), a carpenter of East Setauket. She died 14 February 1917, and is buried in the Port Jefferson Cemetery.

vii. Mary Jenette, born May 1837. Never married, she lived with her sister Sarah M. Jones. She died in 1922 and is buried in the Port Jefferson Cemetery.

viii. Caroline A., born 1841. She married Daniel B. Hawkins on 26 November 1859. They lived at Setauket. She died in May 1891.

164. ALBERT[7] SKIDMORE, was born 15 February 1803 at Rocky Point, Suffolk County, Long Island, the son of Peter (no. 66) and Hannah (Homan) Skidmore. He died on 9 May 1878 at Miller Place, Long Island, aged 75. He married Charity Miller, the daughter of Bartley F. and Fanny (Miller) Tuthill on 29 October 1833 at Wading River. She was born 27 May 1815 and died 17 June 1888 at Port Jefferson. They were members of the Congregational Church at Wading River about 1837.

He was a farmer for many years at Miller Place in the 1870 census he is shown with $10,000 in real property and $1,500 in personal property. His widow is living alone in 1880 at Port Jefferson, aged 65, keeping house.

Children:

i. Catherine Culver, born 13 June 1835. She married William James Tillotson on 12 January 1856; they lived at Providence, Providence County, Rhode Island. She died in 1910.

ii. Emily Tuthill, born 30 January 1840. She married Reverend Loring B. Marsh on 3 May 1865.

iii. Sidney Tuthill, born 19 August 1844. He married (1) Mary E. Humphreys on 30 December 1877; she died in 1878. He married (2) Sarah J. Dewhurst Atkinson on 10 September 1885. He graduated from Amherst in the class of 1869. M. A., Amherst, 1871. Professor of Physics and Astronomy, Philadelphia Normal School from 1876 to 1920. They were living in 1900 at 1706 18th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

165. DR. FRANKLIN[7] SKIDMORE, was born in 1810 at Rocky Point, Suffolk County, Long Island, the son of Peter (no. 66) and Hannah (Homan) Skidmore. He died at Babylon, Suffolk County, Long Island, on 15 May 1877 aged 67. He married Elmer D. Carman, she was born in 1818 and died 8 February 1879 at Brooklyn.

He was an Inspector of Common Schools at Riverhead in 1838. He and his wife seem to have separated after the Civil War. In 1867 she is living at 514 Atlantic Street, Brooklyn, Kings County, and is last noticed there as Elmer, the widow Skidmore, at 493 Hudson Street, in 1872. (She is sometimes listed as Elma Skidmore, nurse.) In the 1870 census he is living alone, at Huntington, aged 59 and a physician.

Children:

i. Mary Elizabeth, born 28 December 1837. She married Joseph Larrison and died shortly thereafter on 5 February 1857 aged 19 years, 1 month, 8 days. Buried Port Jefferson Cemetery.
ii. Henrietta, born 1842. She married James Niblo. They were living in 1879 at Albany, Albany County, New York, and in 1912 at Brooklyn, Kings County.

166. WILLIAM E.[7] SKIDMORE, was born about 1807 in Kings County, New York, (according to his return in the 1855 state census), and was living in 1860 in San Francisco, California. He was the only son of William (no. 67) and Abigail (Edwards) Skidmore. He married Bridget Ann Hagan, who was born in 1817 in Ireland (or Maryland according to the 1855 census). She survived her husband and was living in 1881 at 1217 Filbert Street, San Francisco, California.

He is first mentioned in the 1827 directory of New York City as "William E. Skidmore and Company" at 15 Exchange Place. In the next year he had relocated his grocery on Water Street where it remained until 1838 when he removed to Sweden Center, Monroe County, New York.

William E. Skidmore, a merchant of New York City, had purchased a lot on the east side of Ridge Street 80 feet from the southeast corner of Broome and Ridge Streets in the 13th Ward from George and Mary Everitt on 18 October 1834. Preparatory to moving William E. Skidmore and

Bridget sold this lot on 1 February 1838 for $4,000 to Benjamin S. Pier, a coppersmith.

The first mass celebrated in the area of his new home in Monroe County was at his house at Sweden Center when he was baptized and received into the Catholic communion. He was a member of the first committee of the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin at Brockport, New York, and was also one of the early trustees (about 1841) of the Brockport Collegiate Institution.

William E. Skidmore operated a steam sawmill at Brockport in 1848, and in 1853 the store owned by Skidmore & Chappell was destroyed by fire. He was the Democratic nominee for Collector at Brockport and as a delegate to the Senatorial Convention in 1858. He was also nominated for a canal office.

He had at this time (1858) apparently been to San Francisco and back again, he is presumably the W. D. Skidmore listed in the October 1856 directory of San Francisco as an employee of the Pacific Express Company and living with B. Mason, Jr. He is missing in 1858, presumably having returned to New York. He sold all of his real property at Brockport in 1859 and went back to California with his sons. In 1859 James Skidmore, his son, was a partner with Henry S. Hayes in the Milkman's Exchange Saloon, living over the business at 159 Kearney Street.

Mrs. W. E. Skidmore and her three daughters made the long voyage out at the end of 1859. They went first from New York City on the North Star, and transferred at Panama to the steamship Uncle Sam in the Pacific. It took 14 days for the Uncle Sam to arrive at San Francisco on the afternoon of 13 January 1860. In the 1860 directory W. E. Scidmore is living at 134 Dupont Street, and James E. Skidmore (out of the saloon business) was a telegraph operator for the California Marine Agency living at 113 Dupont Street. In the 1860 census the household of W. E. Scidmore is enumerated in the Sixth District, including Edward, a telegrapher.

This is all that has been learned of William E. Skidmore, the complete loss of the usual records in the the great San Francisco earthquake has made it difficult to find out when he died. His children can be followed through the city directories and the census records. The family lived for many years at 1219 Filbert Street; in the 1900 census Sophie E. (Skidmore) Gardiner is the head of a household there that included her unmarried brother Charles W. Skidmore and her sister Harriet M. Skidmore.

Harriet M. Skidmore attained some small fame as a Catholic poet. Her first book was Beside the Western Sea published in 1877. She was living with her mother and her brothers and sisters at 1217 Filbert Street in 1881. Sometime in this period Henry Hobart Skidmore (see Captain Ira Skidmore, no. 246) and his son Edwin W. Skidmore (1869-1894) visited San Francisco. His daughter, Marion J. Skidmore, who was Librarian at

Corry, Pennsylvania, wrote a letter on 19 August 1899 about their stay in San Francisco: "Afterwards a Miss Harriet Skidmore and her brother came to see them. Harriet was a poetess. For some reason they did not make a very good impression, I think that Harriet wanted to read them some of her poetry. At any rate Ed and father declined to be considered in a cousinly light by them."

Children: (Eldest two born in New York City)

i. Harriet Marie, born July 1836. She was living unmarried in 1900.

ii. James Edward, born 1838. He was a telegrapher in 1860 in San Leandro, Alameda County, California, and later married Elizabeth T. _____, who was a milliner at 1114 Market Street, San Francisco. He was a bookkeeper in the 1881 directory; they were living at 130 Tyler Street.

iii. Susan Katherine, born 1840. She was a teacher in 1860 at Hayward, Alameda County, California, and was living in 1881 with her mother at 1217 Filbert Street, unmarried, an assistant at the Market Street Primary School.

iv. Mary, born 1842. She is not found in the 1860 census.

v. Sophie E., born 1845. She married (by 1870) _____ Gardiner, and was living in 1900 at 1217 Filbert Street. Sophie E. Gardiner was living in 1880 with her three younger children, her sister Harriet Skidmore, and a servant at 1217 Filbert Street, San Francisco.

vi. Charles W., born November 1848. Living unmarried in 1910 at San Francisco. He was a money order clerk at the Post Office in 1881.

167. HENRY[7] SKIDMORE, was born 8 February 1783 at Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut, the son of Joseph (no. 68) and Mary (Bates) Skidmore. It seems likely that he was the man of his name who died at New York City at the hospital there on 2 November 1815; no age is given in the death records and he was buried in Potter's Field.

The administration on the estate of Henry Skidmore "late of Stamford" was given to Samuel B. Warren on 7 December 1818 who was ordered to advertise for claims from Skidmore's creditors. On 4 January 1819 commissioners were appointed to adjust these claims, and an inventory was taken on 20 January 1819 by Barnabas Martin.

We have not found any marriage for this man nor any presumptive children, and he probably died unmarried.

168. CAPTAIN JOSEPH[7] SKIDMORE, was born 16 March 1787 at Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut, the son of Joseph (no. 69) and Mary (Bates) Skidmore. We assume that he is the Captain Joseph Skidmore who died at

Brooklyn, Kings County, New York, on 19 September 1832 "aged 44" according to a brief obituary in the Long Island Star.

His title was probably nautical rather than military. Seafaring men were frequently missed in the census records and he is not found there unless he is the Joseph Skidmore who was living at New Bern, Craven County, North Carolina (a seaport), in the 1820 census. He does not appear to have been enumerated anywhere in 1830. This Joseph Skidmore and a female aged 16 to 26 were the total household in 1820; both were engaged in commerce. No probate has been found for Joseph Skidmore at Brooklyn or elsewhere.

169. SAMUEL BATES[7] SKIDMORE, was born 11 February 1789 at Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut, the son of Joseph (no. 69) and Mary (Bates) Skidmore, and died there on 9 October 1822 aged 37. He married Nancy, a daughter of Joseph and Abigail (Mott) Sammis on 22 April 1810 at Norwalk. She was born in 1791 on Long Island and died 9 April 1871 aged 80 at Norwalk.

Samuel B. Skidmore served as a corporal in the War of 1812 from Norwalk. He enlisted on 9 September 1813 in Captain Abraham Young's company and served only five days until 14 September 1813.

On 5 December 1816 Samuel B. Skidmore purchased eight acres in Norwalk at Clapboard Hills from John Cannon for $375.00; he sold it back to Cannon for the same price on 24 April 1817. His homestead of one acre on the west side of the Norwalk River was purchased from Hezekiah Whitlock for $60.00 on 1 November 1817. Benjamin Isaacs was appointed administrator of the estate of Samuel B. Skidmore on 17 April 1824 (some 18 months after his death). His widow was the high bidder on 7 June 1824 for this house and lot at a public vendue and Benjamin Isaacs, the administrator, gave her a deed for it on 15 June 1824.

His widow may have moved for a time to Brooklyn, New York. A Mrs. Ann Skidmore appears in the city directories there in 1825 at 52 Main Street. She lived later at 48 Hicks Street, 66 Middagh Street, and 311 Washington Street through the year 1836. Although their marriages are recorded at Norwalk both of her children married at the Second Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn. She is missing from the Brooklyn City Directories in 1837 and probably had returned to Norwalk.

Children:

335. i. Joseph, born 20 November 1811.

ii. Mary, born 1815. She married Daniel H. Persons (1814-1875) on 20 December 1838 at Second Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn. She was living in 1870 at Norwalk with her husband, a freight agent.

170. NATHANIEL[7] SKIDMORE, was born 12 January 1791 at Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut, the son of Joseph (no. 69) and Mary (Bates) Skidmore. He was dead by 9 October 1824 at Brooklyn.

The administration of Nathaniel Skidmore, a Marine in the United States Service, and late of Brooklyn, Kings County, New York, was given to George Little on 9 October 1824. His securities in the amount of $150.00 were William Coe and Edward Murray (bond signed Muncy) all of Brooklyn.

He presumably died unmarried.

171. JOHN[7] SKIDMORE, was born in 1791 in Schenectady County, New York (according to the 1855 state census), the son of Isaac (no. 70) Skidmore. He died on 10 November 1864 in Maine Township, Broome County, New York, aged 74, a widower and a farmer of "gravel." He married Ruth _____, who was dead in 1854; she was aged 61 in the 1850 census of Gilboa, Schoharie County, New York.

On 19 September 1854 John Skidmore sold to his only son Lewis 130 acres of land at Gilboa for $1300.00. In 1860 John Skidmore is living, a farm laborer, with Willis Richtmyer at Gilboa.

Children:

i. Bohama, born 1824. She married Isaac B. Mosher (1815-1850) and was living, his widow, in the 1850 census.

336. ii. Lewis Vincent, born 29 May 1830.

172. PETER[7] SKIDMORE, was born in 1800 in Kings County, New York (according to a statement, perhaps inaccurate, in the 1855 state census), the son of Isaac (no. 70) Skidmore. He was dead by 1870. He married (1) Fanny Drew, who was the mother of his daughter Martholia (but perhaps was not the mother of his older children), and (2) Elizabeth Rivenburg after 1855. She was the mother of his son Levi.

Peter Skidmore is enumerated in the 1820 census of Broome Township, Schoharie County, and in 1830 he was in Catskill Township, Greene County, New York. He was back at Middleburgh in Schoharie County in 1840, in Broome Township in 1850, and in 1855 he was living with his son-in-law William Sawdy at Rensselaerville, Albany County, New York. He is last noticed in Broome Township in 1860; his widow is there in 1870 with her young son Levi, aged 10.

On 28 March 1864 Jacob and Lesertia Livingston of Cherry Valley sold 35 acres in Broome Township to Edward Skidmore for $300.00, and three days later on 1 April 1864 John and Eunice Hess sold to Edward Skidmore 103

acres in lot no. 221 in Rensselaerville Township in Albany County. Edward Skidmore was dead by 1 April 1868 when Peter Skidmore and Marthelia Skidmore joined together to sell the second of these tracts to Elias Rivenburg of Fulton Township, Schoharie County, for $1,325.00 subject to a mortgage executed by Edward Skidmore to John Hess for $750.00. Why Martholia joined her father in this deed to the exclusion of the other brothers and sisters of Edward Skidmore is not clear.

Peter Skidmore died sometime soon after this deed was signed; no probate has been found for him. Elizabeth Skidmore was living his widow in 1900 with her son Levi at Waterbury, New Haven County, Connecticut. She was born in January 1835, but it is not known how long she lived after this date. No tombstone has been found for her in Connecticut.

In addition to the children listed below there is an Amanda (dittoed Skidmore) living aged seven with Peter and Elizabeth in 1860. Since this couple had not yet married in 1855 it seems likely that she was a stepdaughter of Peter Skidmore and not his daughter. She is not found with her mother in 1870, and may have died young.

Children: (Maternity of the eldest five uncertain)

i. Harriet, born 1824 in Greene County. She married William Sawdy (or Sawdey) about 1841. They were living in 1855 at Rensselaerville, Albany County, New York. He was there, a widower, in 1860.

ii. Sally Ann, born 1826 in Green County. She was living at Rensselaerville in 1860, with William Sawdy.

iii. William W., born 1828 in Bern Township, Albany County. He married Catherine Rivenburg and lived in Broome Township, Schoharie County, New York. Had issue.

iv. Edward, born 1830. He died before 1 April 1868, a bachelor.

v. Mary A., born 1832. She was living at Rensselaerville in 1860, unmarried, with William Sawdy (her brother-in-law). [She is called Almina in 1860.]

(By Fanny Drew)

vi. Martholia, born 28 June 1844. She married William Thorpe Shephard in March 1872. She died 3 August 1896 at Broome Township, Schoharie County; buried Rensselaerville, Albany County. He married (2) Mrs. Elizabeth (Campbell) Brayman, and was living in 1914.

(By Elizabeth Rivenburg)

vii. Levi, born 3 August 1862. He married Anna _____; they were living in 1900 at 482 West Main Street, Waterbury, New Haven County, Connecticut. He died 29 April 1911 at the Connecticut Hospital for the Insane at Middletown, buried

Old Farm Cemetery. [In the 1900 census he is also enumerated alone in a hotel at 160 Bleeker Street, in New York City.]

173. ISAAC[7] SKIDMORE, was born about 1796 at Northport, Suffolk County, Long Island, the son of Timothy (no. 71) and Margaret (Soper) Skidmore. He had died before September 1873, and is said to be buried in the Canarsie Cemetery in Brooklyn, Kings County, New York. He married (1) on 24 February 1814 to Mary Elizabeth Robertson; she was born 23 December 1794 and died 9 August 1849 aged 54 years, 7 months, 17 days. She is buried in the Canarsie Cemetery. He married (2) about 1850 Susan, the daughter of Joseph and Jane (_____) White, and previously the widow of Jacob Mathews. She was living in 1880, aged 75, with her son-in-law Justice William H. Rogers, and died 26 December 1887 at Flatlands.

Isaac Skidmore had moved by 1820 to Main Street, Brooklyn. He is first noticed in the city directories in 1822 as a grocer at 8 Main Street. In 1829 he was operating a tavern at 25 James Street, and was there in the Third Ward in the 1830 census. On 21 April 1826 Isaac and Mary Skidmore of Brooklyn sold to Isaac Weeks of New York City 70 acres in Huntington north of the highway to Smithtown bounded by Samuel Scidmore, John Scidmore, and Augustine Fleet, containing 70 acres for $600.00. This tract had been deeded some six years earlier to Isaac by his parents Timothy and Margaret Skidmore for a named consideration of $1,000.00.

Isaac Skidmore was still running the tavern on James Street in 1831, but is gone in the next year having moved to Flatlands in Kings County where he was a farmer in the 1840 and 1850 census. In the 1850 census his father Timothy Skidmore is living in his household, as was Phebe Mathews, aged 7, his stepdaughter.

In 1860 he was back in Brooklyn, operating a restaurant at the Brooklyn Market and residing at 29 James Street. In 1862 he is on Fulton Street, near Hamilton, but is not found after that date in the directories.

There was no probate on his estate in Kings County.

Children:

i. Mahala Ann, born 1815. She married Jacques Van Dyke (1794-____) on 29 May 1831 at the Bushwick Reformed Church; she is called "of Huntington" in a newspaper report of her marriage. She died of a heart attack on 10 June 1876 while watching her brother Isaac's barn burn.

337. ii. Joel, born 12 July 1819.

338. iii. Isaac, born April 1821.

iv. Mary Elizabeth, born 1823. She married (1) Henry Denton on

25 March 1840 at the Flatbush Reformed Church; both are called "of Flatlands" where they were living in 1840. She married (2) William White, probably before 1850, and died 29 December 1886 aged 60 years, 11 months, and 22 days at Flatlands. She is buried in Evergreen Cemetery.

v. Catherine L., born 1830. She was living with her brother Joel in 1860, unmarried. Probably died before her father.

174. JOHN[7] SKIDMORE, was born 16 March 1798 at Dix Hills, Huntington, Suffolk County, the son of Timothy (no. 71) and Margaret (Soper) Skidmore. He died 20 January 1874 aged 75 at Southold, Long Island. This John Skidmore was married four times: (1) in March 1816 to Huldah Thornton, and (2) on 1 January 1819 to Hannah Jarvis (born 6 May 1798, died 6 April 1846 aged 47 years 11 months); she is buried in the Commack Cemetery and was the mother of all his children. He married (3) in June 1848 to Abigail Brown (born 7 April 1804, died 19 December 1855 aged 51 years, 8 months, 12 days); she is buried in the Squires Cemetery on the western edge of Hampton Bays, Long Island, and (4) on 11 February 1858 to Jane C. Brown (born 1820, died 15 April 1891, aged 71 years); she is buried at Southold next to John Skidmore. The sword used by her father, Jesse Brown, in the War of 1812 and later owned by Jane C. Skidmore was given to the Suffolk County Historical Society by Jennie (Skidmore) Fields.

John Skidmore was a farmer at Islip in the censuses of 1820 and 1840. He is doubtless the John Skidmore, ferryman, who was living in Brooklyn from 1823 to 1825. In 1823 he is living at 4 Washington Street; in 1824 at 68 Main Street (where his brother Isaac had lived in 1823); and in 1825 he appears for the last time in the city directories at 26 Washington Street. In 1830 he was enumerated at Huntington, and in 1850 and 1860 at Good Ground in Southold Township. He and his son George S. Skidmore had a blacksmith shop west of Canoe Place on the north side of the Montauk Highway at Good Ground.

The petition for administration on his estate in 1874 mentions his heirs Jarvis, John, Charles, Juliana, and Marietta; his other children had died before him.

Children: (Second wife)

339. i. Jarvis, born 4 October 1819.
340. ii. James O., born 21 August 1821.
341. iii. George S., born 6 March 1824.
iv. Eliza M., born 25 March 1826. Dead 1874.
v. Juliana, born 4 December 1827 at Islip, Long Island. She married William Wallace Warner in 1848. They lived at Good Ground. She died 15 February 1882, buried Hampton Bays, Long Island.
vi. Stephen, born 31 March 1830. Died young.

vii. Sarah Marietta, born 18 February 1832. She married William Austin Bellows. They lived at Good Ground.

viii. John T., born 23 August 1834. He married Elizabeth White (1836-1874). Living at Youngport, Islip, in 1880, and with his brother Jarvis Skidmore in 1900.

ix. Caroline H. (Carrie), born 20 May 1837 at Huntington. She married Leverett Hollister and died 27 March 1930 at Newington, Hartford County, Connecticut.

x. Henry A., born 10 June 1839. He married Mary E. Jacobs on 18 February 1860. He was a fisherman at Good Ground in 1860. Enlisted in Company K, 127th New York Infantry on 28 September 1862; killed in action at Honey Hill, South Carolina, on 9 December 1864. Had issue. His widow was living in 1910.

xi. Charles W., born 13 February 1841. He married Orissa Peterson in 1870 and lived at Youngport, Islip. In 1900 they were living at 2139 Seventh Avenue, Manhattan, where he was employed as a janitor. Six children.

175. DAVID HOWELL[7] SKIDMORE, was born 30 January 1801 at Northport, Suffolk County, Long Island, the son of Timothy (no. 71) and Margaret (Soper) Skidmore. He died the night of 30 January 1876 when his home at Deer Park, Long Island, was destroyed and he lost his life in a disastrous fire. (The will of his father Timothy Skidmore and a good many other family records were also destroyed in this fire.) He married Eliza Jane Jarvis; she was born 22 September 1800 and died 20 October 1850 and is buried beside her husband in the Babylon Rural Cemetery. She was the mother of all his children. Howell Skidmore is said to have married three times and to have had nine children. He appears to be a widower in the 1850, 1860 and 1870 censuses, so his later wives must have been short-lived. The petition for administration on his estate mentions the widow Susan Skidmore who was living in 1876 in New York City, but nothing else is known of her. (It is possible that she has been confused with the wife Susan of David Howell Skidmore, Jr., who was living apart from her husband in the 1880 census.)

In the 1870 census Howell Skidmore, aged 65, is a farmer at Deerpark. In his household are Henrietta Simmons aged 56, and Fleet Wickes, a farm laborer, aged 60.

He was survived by six of his children all of whom were still living in 1896: Jane M. Soper and Mary E. Skidmore were living in New York City; Margaret Bonney was of Jamaica in Queens County; William Henry Skidmore was at North Tarrytown in Westchester County; and David Howell and Carll E. were both living at Deer Park.

Children:

i. Amelia, born 12 September 1820. She died 28 July 1851 and

is buried in the Babylon Rural Cemetery.

ii. Jane M., born 2 April 1823. She married Alfred F. Soper (1817-1862) on 2 February 1846 at Huntington. She was living in New York City, his widow, in 1876.

iii. Margaret F., born 1825. She married William Bonney and was living at Jamaica, Long Island, in 1876.

iv. Sarah E., born 16 November 1826. She died 20 October 1850 and is buried in the Babylon Rural Cemetery.

v. Tabitha A., born 1829. Living with her father in 1850.

vi. David Howell, born September 1832. He married 3 August 1865 at Jamaica, Long Island, to Susan Macomber Wickes (1823-1904). She was previously the widow of Needham Robins and Henry O. Snedecor. He enlisted at Yonkers in Company I, 40th New York Infantry for three years, and re-enlisted on 29 December 1863. Pensioner in 1883. He is living apart from his wife at West Islip in 1880 but they are together at Deerpark in 1900. He died 3 May 1908 aged 77; they are buried in the Babylon Rural Cemetery.

vii. William Henry, born 1834. He married Sarah Jane _____ (1838-1909). They lived at North Tarrytown, New York, where he was in the insurance business. He died in 1899, and they are buried in the Sleepy Hollow Cemetery at North Tarrytown, Westchester County, New York.

viii. Carll E., born 12 June 1838. He married Charity M. Baldwin (1830-1890). She was previously the widow of Michael Cauffield and George Oakes. They were divorced before 1870; she died at Brooklyn. He died at Deerpark on 12 February 1897 aged 58 years, 8 months; buried Babylon Rural Cemetery.

ix. Mary E., born 1840. She kept house for a time for her brother Carll; living unmarried in Deerpark in 1880.

176. TIMOTHY[7] SKIDMORE, was born about 1805 at Northport Suffolk County, Long Island, the son of Timothy (no. 71) and Margaret (Soper) Skidmore, and died 10 July 1885 at Flatbush, Kings County, New York. He married Mary Ross; she was born in 1814 and was living in April 1882 when the Kings County Rural Gazette mentions that she had been taken ill.

They were living, newly married, at Newtown, Queens County, in the 1830 census.

Timothy Skidmore was living at Flatlands in Kings County in 1840 with a household that apparently included his father one of the adult males was engaged in manufacturing and the other was in navigation of canals, etc. In 1850 his household included an Elizabeth Ingraham, aged 57, who is not identified.

In 1860 he was farming at Jamaica, Long Island (but his three eldest sons were at Flatlands), and in 1870 and 1880 he was living at Peconic

in Suffolk County.

There was no probate on his his estate.

Children:

i. William H., born 1831. He married Deborah Ann Tice on 18 June 1854 at Canarsie. He enlisted 20 August 1862 at Brooklyn for three years as a corporal in Company D, 127th New York Infantry and was transferred to Company C, Veteran Reserve Corps, mustered out 28 June 1865 at Washington, D. C. He was a master carpenter and died 26 February 1877 at Peconic, Suffolk County, New York. His widow married (2) Garret Thompson on 21 April 1884.

ii. Eliza M., born 1834. She married Daniel Turner on 21 May 1851 at New Lots, Kings County, New York.

iii. Edgar Smith, born 1837. He married Eleanor _____. They were living on Grant Street in Flatbush in 1880. He was a carpenter by trade.

iv. Platt Ross, born 15 November 1839. He married Martha Jane Abrams. They were living on Sheffield Avenue, New Lots, in 1880. They are buried in the Evergreen Cemetery, Brooklyn.

v. Timothy L., born 1842. He married Elizabeth Ford. They were living on Grant Street in Flatbush in 1880 with his older brother Edgar S. Skidmore.

vi. John Francis, born 1844. He married Ella A. Abrams a sister of the wife of Platt Ross Skidmore. They were living at Canarsie, Flatlands, in 1880, and later at Brooklyn. They are buried in the Mt. Olive Cemetery, Brooklyn.

vii. Hannah, born March 1847. She died 14 September 1848, an infant.

viii. Daniel L., born 7 December 1851. He married Melissa _____, the widow of _____ Terry, on 1 January 1874, at Franklinville, Suffolk County, New York. They were living in 1900 at Greenport, Long Island. He was a blacksmith.

177. THOMAS WOOD[7] SKIDMORE, was born in 1810 at Northport, Suffolk County, Long Island, the son of John (no. 72) and Mary (Wood) Skidmore. He died at the same place on 3 June 1884 "aged 78" (which seems to be overstated). He married Sarah L. Platt, born December 1820 and living, his widow, in 1900 on Main Street in Northport.

He was a blacksmith according to the census records, and is sometimes called Woodhull Scidmore in the records. In the 1880 census Woodhull Skidmore was living at Centreport with his wife Sarah, his son Woodhull, and a granddaughter Sarah Hyde. In the 1900 census Sarah Skidmore stated that she had eight children of whom five were then living.

There was no probate on his estate.

Children:

i. Martha, born 1842. Living at home in 1860.
ii. Joseph, born 1844. Living at home in 1870, a boatman. He is said to have married and died 8 October 1908 "aged 68."
iii. Isaac, born 1846. He married Adelia _____ and was living at Huntington in 1880.
iv. George W., born November 1847. He married (1) Catherine _____ in 1875, and (2) Susan E. Bellamy on 28 December 1910. He was the village Roadmaster at Northport in 1900. In his household was Israel Jarvis (born 1831), an uncle.
v. Sarah E., born 1853. She married William C. Hyde on 28 February 1878 at Centreport.
vi. Lavina, born 1860. Died in childhood.
vii. Woodhull, born 1863. Living at home in 1880.

178. CHARLES[7] SKIDMORE, was born about 1815 at Northport, Suffolk County, Long Island, the son of John (no. 72) and Mary (Wood) Skidmore. He appears to have been dead in 1860.

On 28 February 1840 Charles Scidmore of Huntington sold to Thomas W. Scidmore for $1.00 a parcel of four acres and 35 rods bounded west by Alexander Ketcham, north by Isaac Wickes, east by Isaac Wickes and Charles Scidmore. The witnesses were Joel Harned and John Scidmore.

The name of the wife of Charles Scidmore is unknown, he was a widower in1850 and living with his parents and his young son at Northport.

No probate has been found.

Child:

i. Charles, born 1842. He married Sarah A. McCauley on 25 January 1862 at Vernon Valley, New York. He died about 1871 at Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut and his widow married (2) Ferdinand Smith of Northport, Long Island. She died about 1877. Had issue.

179. CAPTAIN HENRY[7] SKIDMORE, was born 25 September 1822 at Northport, Suffolk County, Long Island, the son of John (no. 72) and Mary (Wood) Skidmore. He died at the same place on 2 April 1899. He married Martha Louisa Conklin; she was born 23 March 1832 at Crabmeadow, and died 5 June 1906.

He was a captain in the coastal trade about Long Island according to the 1870 census, but also farmed at Fresh Ponds.

Nathaniel S. Akerly was appointed administrator of his estate.

Children:

i. Floyd S., born 4 April 1848. He married Mary Jane Higby (1844-1922) on 1 April 1866 at Northport. They were living in 1900 at 15 Summit Avenue, Northport. He died 17 May 1903.
ii. Mary Jane, born 22 March 1849. She married Charles Bryant, and they were living in 1899 at New Bedford, Bristol County, Massachusetts.
iii. John, born 17 October 1850. Died infancy.
iv. Henrietta, born 24 August 1852. She married Sandford Chappell, a carpenter. They were living at Northport in 1880.
v. John H., born 26 July 1854, a twin. He died unmarried on 18 January 1890 and is buried in the Northport Cemetery.
vi. Charles B., born 26 July 1854 a twin. He was living unmarried with his mother in 1900.
vii. Leversa, born 13 November 1862, a twin. She married John Erickson, and they were living on Bayview Avenue, Northport, in 1900.
viii. Louisa, born 13 November 1862, a twin. She was living unmarried with her mother in 1900.

180. DAVID[7] SKIDMORE, born 3 March 1771 at Northport, Suffolk County, Long Island, the son of Thomas (no. 74) and Phebe (Chichester) Skidmore, and died there on 14 March 1813. He is buried in the Genola Cemetery. He married Sarah Bryant, born 4 July 1770 (Bible record) and died 4 July 1858 "aged 81." She married (2) Jesse Scudder on 20 December 1821 and was living his widow with her son-in-law Brewster Skidmore in 1850.

The administration of David Skidmore, a farmer, was given on 22 August 1814 to Jesse Skidmore and Esther Bryan, the widow Sarah having resigned. On 15 March 1850 Bryant and Mary Skidmore, Brewster and Abigail Skidmore, and Sarah Scudder, widow, join together in a deed to Zophar R. Jarvis of New York City.

Children:

i. Experience, born 1796. She married Zophar R. Jarvis, a merchant in New York City, on 16 October 1813.
ii. Ann, born 10 March 1798. She died 17 April 1815 unmarried; buried Genola Cemetery.
iii. Bryant, born 3 August 1800. He married 30 December 1830 Mary Smith (1803-1890). He died 21 June 1881 at Eaton Neck, Long Island.
iv. Abigail, born 29 July 1803. She married Brewster P. Skidmore (no. 347), and was living his widow at Babylon, Long

Island, in 1880 aged 77.

181. JESSE[7] SKIDMORE, was born on 8 May 1786 at Northport, Suffolk County, Long Island, the son of Thomas (no. 74) and Phebe (Chichester) Skidmore, and died there 7 January 1865. He married Fannie Higby, who was born in February 1787 and died 23 December 1865, on 24 February 1811. They are buried in Genola Cemetery; he died aged 78 years, 8 months, and she was aged 78 years, 10 months at death.

He was a farmer at Northport, Long Island.

Children:

343. i. Charles M., born 19 June 1812.
ii. Richard, born 13 July 1816. He died unmarried on 4 March 1835 aged 18 years, 7 months, 22 days, and is buried in the Genola Cemetery.
344. iii. Captain David, born 1820.
iv. Sarah Maria, born 1823. She married _____ Rowland and removed to South Haven Township, Van Buren County, Michigan, where she was living his widow in 1870. She died there on 21 June 1900 aged 76.
345. v. Thomas, born 2 October 1825.
vi. Hannah A., born 1827. Never married, she died 21 May 1898 aged 71.
vii. Frances Ann, born 23 March 1830. She married Eliphalet Arthur Scidmore (1823-1865). She died 12 October 1898.

182. CAPTAIN JOEL[7] SCIDMORE, was born in 1774 at Northport, Suffolk County, Long Island, the son of Phillip (no. 75) and Margaret (Wickes) Scidmore. He died at Northport on 17 March 1843. He married (1) Hannah Hoyt of Dix Hills on 21 August 1796; she was born in 1771 and died 12 July 1835. He married (2) Mary, the daughter of Jacob and Phebe (_____) Burr of Commack; she was born 24 February 1798 and died 20 November 1888 at Huntington Harbor. They are buried in the Scidmore plot in the Old Burying Ground at Crabmeadow.

He was a pupil of Reverend Joshua Hartt when his school opened at Smithtown Long Island, in 1793. Joel Scidmore was a sea captain, and retired to the old homestead known as the Scidmore Farm east of Northport.

He lived briefly in New York City. In 1817 Joel Skidmore was living on Ridge Street near Rivington and in 1823 and 1824 he is at 9 Howard Street with Nancy Skidmore, the wife of his brother Platt Skidmore.

Joel Skidmore left a will dated 10 March 1843 providing for his wife Mary, his son Joel, and his daughter Hannah, wife of Shubal M. Nichols.

Children:

346 i. Captain Joel, born 31 December 1799.
ii. Hannah, born 29 May 1804. She married Shubell M. Nichols (1802-1873). She died 22 January 1857 aged 52 years, 7 months, 24 days; buried Scidmore Plot at Crabmeadow.
iii. Margaret, born 9 October 1808, died 9 December 1828 aged 20 years, 2 months; buried Scidmore Plot at Crabmeadow.

183. PLATT[7] SKIDMORE, was born in 1783 at Northport, Suffolk County, Long Island, the son of Phillip (no. 75) and Margaret (Wickes) Scidmore. He was living in 1860 with his daughter Hannah Ketcham at Huntington, aged 77. He married (1) Hannah, the daughter of David and Kesiah (Soper) Driggs on 3 February 1810; she died 1 June 1814. He married (2)Nancy B. Gazlay by 1817. She was born in 1800, and married (2) Daniel Cantine of Locke Township, Cayuga County, New York, before 1850.

Platt Scidmore had married his second wife before 30 May 1818 when the will of Jane Ann Gazlay of New York City remembers her sister Nancy B. Skidmore and her son. It also mentions Platt Skidmore, and names Joel Skidmore, Senr., of Cow Harbour, Long Island, as one of the executors.

On 17 September 1818 Platt Scidmore, of Huntington, conveyed for "natural love" to his children Hannah A. Scidmore and Brewster P. Scidmore, 32 acres of land at Cow Harbor, the witnesses being Joshua Smith and Ebenezer Smith.

Platt Scidmore is not found as the head of a family in the 1820 census, and he seems to have disappeared from view for a time. Nancy is called the widow of Peter Skidmore, at 9 Howard Street in 1821, 1822, and 1823. Joel Skidmore her brother-in-law is at the same address in 1822 and 1823. Clearly she is not a widow for she produced Platt's children in 1818, 1820, 1822 and 1824. A possible explanation may be that Platt Skidmore was hiding out in New York City to elude his creditors, and this might explain the deed of 1818 to his children.

In 1826 and 1827 Nancy B. Skidmore is running a boarding house in New York City at 286 North Street (near Lewis). Eventually she and Platt separated, and presumably divorced. In 1838 she is probably the S. M. Skidmore, a milliner, at 17 Burgundy Street, in New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana. Her son William Skidmore is enumerated there in Municipality No. 2 in the census of 1840. She had married by 1850 Daniel Cantine, a farmer of Cayuga County, and in the 1860 census she is called a milliner in a household that included three of her Scidmore grandchildren in Locke Township, Cayuga County, New York.

There was no probate on the estate of Platt Scidmore.

Children: (First wife)

i. Hannah Almira, born 1811. She married Henry Ketcham and was living at Huntington in 1870.

347. ii. Brewster P., born 15 May 1813.

(Second wife)

iii. Phillip, born 1818. He died 13 October 1821 aged 3 on Howard Street in New York City. Buried from the Rutgers Street Presbyterian Church.

iv. Platt Wickes, born 1820. Living with his father in 1850. Lost at sea.

348. v. Captain William B., born 1822 at Northport.

349. vi. Charles O., born 1824.

vii. Reuben Gazlay, born ____. He died unmarried on 17 August 1862 at New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana. The petition for administration filed in New York City mentions his mother Nancy Cantine and his brothers William B. and Charles O. Skidmore.

184. SAMUEL[7] SCIDMORE, was born about 1777 probably in what is now Malta Township, Saratoga County, the son of Solomon (no. 76) and Mary (Mosher) Scidmore. He is said to have died at the age of 96 at "old Saratoga" in the same county. Presumably he married, but nothing can be learned of his wife.

Samuel Scidmore was a defendant in a suit in Saratoga County in November 1816. He was assessed at Ballston Spa in 1817 on $600.00.

In the 1820 census Samuel Scidmore is the head of a family in Saratoga Township, Saratoga County, consisting of himself and a wife aged 26 to 45 and two females under 10. He was engaged in manufacturing (probably tailoring) and was living next to his cousin Reuben Scidmore.

By 1827 he had moved to Rochester, Monroe County, New York, then a village. He and Hiram Skidmore, his cousin, are listed in the city directory dated 1 January 1827. He was enumerated in the 1830 census at Rochester with himself aged 50 to 60 and with a wife aged 40 to 50. The young girls of the 1820 census are not found.

In 1850 Samuel Skidmore, aged 73, a tailor, is in the household of Allen Clements (who had a wife Matilda aged 24) who was apparently not related at Queensbury, Warren County, New York. No probate has been found for Samuel Scidmore in either Saratoga or Warren Counties, nor have we traced any surviving issue.

185. JAMES[7] SCIDMORE, was born about 1779 probably at what is now Malta Township, Saratoga County, New York, the son of Solomon (no. 76) and Mary (Mosher) Scidmore. He died 14 November 1847 at Ballston Spa in the same county. He married Nancy, the daughter of Josiah and Elizabeth (Young) Halsted. She was born 15 May 1785 at Northeast Township, Dutchess County, New York, and died 18 January 1846 at Waterford, Saratoga County, in her 61st year. She is buried in the Waterford Rural Cemetery.

James Scidmore is said to have been raised by his uncle John Scidmore who was supposed to have cheated him out of his patrimony. He is also said to have been four years old at his father's death, but this does not agree with his age in the later census records.

James Scidmore, of Halfmoon Township, was a Deputy Sheriff of Saratoga County in August 1812 and a Collector in 1815 and 1816 in Northumberland Township. He is enumerated in 1810 in Halfmoon Township, in 1820 in Ballston Township, and 1830 in Waterford Township. In 1840 he and his wife Nancy are living apart in Waterford; James Scidmore is living alone in Waterford Village aged 60 to 70 and Nancy is in the township with her two youngest sons.

The will of Josiah Halsted dated 31 May 1833 at Ancram in Columbia County, New York, mentions his daughter Nancy and her husband James Skidmore.

James Scidmore is said to have died in the County House at Ballston, his death unknown to his sons. The family Bible says that he died aged 62 but this does not agree with the census records which puts his birth at between 1775 and 1780.

Children:

350. i. Josiah Halsted, born 11 May 1806 at Troy, Rensselaer County, New York.
351. ii. Solomon John Davis, born 18 February 1808 at Waterford.
352. iii. James Thompkins, born 19 January 1810 at Waterford.
iv. Betsey Mariah, born 8 August 1812 at Waterford. She married (before 1836) Richard Groom (1807-1892), a scale maker. She died of pneumonia on 1 September 1845 at Waterford, Albany County, New York, and is buried at West Troy, Rensselaer County. She left several children who were heirs of Courtland Vandekar.
353. v. Orestes Benjamin, born 20 March 1815 in Northumberland Town ship.
vi. Lovina M., born 19 June 1817 in Northumberland Township. She married Thomas Van Derkar on 18 August 1835; both were called "of Waterford." She died 11 June 1845 at Waterford. Her son Courtland Vandekar died at Troy, Rensselaer County,

New York, and the documents filed in 1898 to settle his estate gave an exhaustive account of the grandchildren and great-grandchildren of James Scidmore who were the heirs of their Vandekar cousin.

354. vii. DeWitt Clinton, born 20 September 1819 at Ballston Spa.

355. viii. Samuel N., born 6 April 1825 at Ancram, Columbia County, New York.

356. ix. Joel Elory, born 25 December 1827 at Hudson, Columbia County, New York.

186. JOHN[7] SCIDMORE, born 10 March 1873 in Saratoga Township, Saratoga County, New York, the son of John (no. 77) and Elizabeth (_____) Scidmore. He died 7 May 1861 in Rutland Township, Jefferson County, New York, aged 78 years, 2 months. He married Abigail, the daughter of Anthony and Mercy (Barker) Collamer; she was born 23 January 1783 in Massachusetts, and died 1 May 1858 at South Rutland, aged 75 years, 3 months. They are buried in the Tylersville Cemetery, Rutland Township.

He moved with his wife and young children to Pinckney Township, Lewis County, New York, in 1812, and in 1823 to Rutland Township, Jefferson County. He bought land at this place in 1836 from Samuel and Mary Tyler between the Great and Little Gulfs. His house there was standing in 1957 occupied by a grandson of his son Anthony.

John Scidmore served in the War of 1812 in Captain Noadiah Hubbard's company, 26th Brigade of the New York State Militia, and in the 40th and 41st Lewis County Regiments. He applied for bounty land on 9 August 1853 aged 70 from Rodman, New York. He stated that he served in the 101st Regiment of Lewis County Militia while living at Pinckney in that county. His company was commanded by Rufus Stoddard, Ebenezer Newton, and Israel Kellogg. It was organized at Pinckney in March 1813 and marched to Brownsville and thence to Sackett's Harbor, New York. He served later in the same company in the fall of 1814 at Sackett's Harbor. The War Departme eported that John Scidmore did serve in Captain E. Newton's company from 30 July to 21 August 1814, and in Captain Israel Kellogg's company from 7 October to 25 October 1814 when he deserted. His name does not appear on the roster of Captain Rufus Stoddard's company.

He was living with his daughter Wealthy Welsh in 1860 at Rutland called "a retired gentlemen."

Children: (The four eldest born at Malta, New York)

i. Mercy, born 7 October 1805. She married Simeon Augustus Rockwell (1805-1872). They moved to Canada in 1854, but returned in 1859 to Huron, Wayne County, New York. She died at Wolcott, Wayne County, New York, on 22 February 1900.

ii. Olive, born 6 December 1806. She married George Lyman

Wright (1809-1889) on 12 December 1827 in Jefferson County. She died 9 March 1847 in Jackson County, Iowa and is buried in the old parsonage burying lot in Farmer's Creek Township, Jackson County, Iowa. He married twice after her death and died at Epworth, Dubuque County, Iowa.

iii. Sarah, born 11 March 1809. She married Richardson Porter (1811-1843) of Rodman, Jefferson County, New York. She died there 5 March 1893; buried Fairview Cemetery in Rodman Township.

iv. Wealthy, born 22 August 1810. She married Nathaniel Welsh (1772-1854), a widower. She was living, his widow, at Rutland in 1860.

357. v. James Hunt, born 4 June 1812.

358. vi. John, born 30 October 1813.

359. vii. Anthony, born 16 January 1816.

360. viii. Hiram C., born 5 November 1817.

ix. Solomon, born 4 October 1819. He never married and died 14 December 1844 aged 25; buried Tylerville Cemetery.

x. Mary, born 23 September 1821. She married Elijah Burleigh.

xi. Elizabeth Jane, born 29 June 1825. She married Daniel Todd on 30 June 1845 at Rutland. They had no issue and are said to have adopted two children of James Scidmore. They lived at East Rodman where she died 11 April 1907.

xii. Abigail, born 9 May 1828. She married Benjamin Andrews. They were living at Rutland in 1850.

187. ABNER BRUSH[7] SKIDMORE, was born in 1787 in Malta Township, Saratoga County, New York, the son of John (no. 77) and Elizabeth (_____) Scidmore, and died 31 October 1849 in Plymouth Township, Rock County, Wisconsin. He married Mary Corey on 1 January 1811 at Pinckney in what is now Lewis County, New York, the ceremony being performed by Stephen Hart, J. P. She married (2) Charles Stebbins on 6 July 1854 in Rock County, Wisconsin, although by 1870 she had resumed using the name Scidmore.

Abner Brush Scidmore served in Captain Ebenezer Newton's company in the War of 1812. Mary Scidmore Stebbins, his widow, applied for a pension on 30 November 1868 in Rock County, Wisconsin, aged 74, William H. Rummage and Mary J. Buskirk being the two witnesses to her mark. Her application was rejected.

He was living at Pinckney in 1825 but joined his brother John at Rutland in Jefferson County soon after. He was still there in 1837, but by 1840 had settled (briefly) in Bloomfield Township, Trumbull County, Ohio. He had removed by 1842 to an unknown place in Illinois, and died on 31 October 1849 at Afton, Rock County, Wisconsin. His widow was still living there in 1870 in the household of her son-in-law George C. Haight; she was then aged 77 and is called Mary Scidmore.

There was no probate on the estate of Abner B. Scidmore. He and his wife are said to have had 16 children, a statement which is supported by the census records. In the 1830 census of Rutland Township, Jefferson County, New York, he is enumerated as the head of a household including seven sons and four daughters.

Three of the sons (Benjamin, Reuben, and Allen) named by the descendants of this family cannot be found in the 1850 census, and they perhaps died in young manhood. We also do not find "Lizzie" wife of William Howe, and she may also have been dead in 1850.

Children:

i. (?Lizzie), born about 1812. She married William Howe. [The Scidmore wife of William Howe is known only from a hearsay account of this family. It seems doubtful that her name was Elizabeth since Abner Brush Scidmore had a younger daughter of this name.]

ii. Martha, born about 1814. She married George C. Haight; he was living, a widower, in 1870 in Rock County, Wisconsin. In his household was his mother-in-law Mary Scidmore.

361. iii. John S., born September 1815.

iv. Benjamin, born about 1816. He was living in 1830, but perhaps died young.

362. v. William Sherman, born 1818.

vi. Reuben, born about 1820.

vii. Hannah, born 1822. She married John B. Inman, Sr., (1801-1890) of Afton and was the stepmother of the husband of her sister Candace. He died at Napavine, Lewis County, Washington.

363. viii. Abner, born 1823.

ix. Allen, born about 1825. He married Martha Arnold (a younger sister of the wife of Josiah Skidmore) but they have not been found in the 1850 census in Wisconsin or elsewhere. They are said to have settled near Waterloo, Iowa, but they are not enumerated there in the 1860 or 1870 census of Black Hawk County. Neither Allen or his wife seem to have survived long after their marriage and a daughter was raised by still another Arnold sister and her husband.

364. x. Josiah, born 1826.

xi. Elizabeth (Betsy), born 1828. She married Henry Hoover (1809-____) on 4 May 1849. They were living in Plymouth Township, Rock County, Wisconsin, in 1880.

xii. Stephen, born April 1830. He married Emily H. Burrier (1844-1911) on 9 April 1865. They were living at Janesville, Rock County, Wisconsin, in 1900; he died there in 1916 and they are buried in the Plymouth Township Cemetery.

xiii. Candace, born 1832. She married John B. Inman, Jr., (1829-

1891) on 11 June 1849. She died in Plymouth Township, Rock County, Wisconsin, in 1860; he married (2) Mary E. _____ (1843-1916). They are all buried in the Plymouth Cemetery.

ixv. Martin, born September 1833. He married Sarah Ann Rummage on 18 December 1849. They went in 1882 to Harmony Township, Stutsman County, North Dakota, joining his brother Abner there.

xv. Mary Jane, born 1835. She married William Hopgood (1837-____) and was living in Rock County in 1870.

xvi. Delinda, born 1837 at Rutland, Jefferson County, New York. She married William Rummage (1832-____) in 1855. They were living in Plymouth Township in 1880.

xvii. Wealthy, born 1840 at Bloomfield, Trumbull County, Ohio. She married (1) Stanford Stockwell and was living, his widow, in 1870 in Newark Township, Rock County, Wisconsin. She married (2) George Haight (1837-____) and they were living in Plymouth Township in the same county in 1880.

xviii. Harriet, born 1842 in Illinois. She was living in 1850 but probably died young.

188. JAMES[7] SKIDMORE, was born in 1800 in Malta Township, Saratoga County, New York, the son of John (no. 77) and Elizabeth (_____) Scidmore. He died in 1884 at Lake Pleasant, Hamilton County, New York. He married in 1821 at Malta to Lydia, daughter of Lieutenant Timothy and Rachel (Ackerman) Shipman; she was born 14 March 1804 and died 10 January 1884. They are buried in the Airdville Cemetery at Lake Pleasant.

James Scidmore was elected Overseer of Highways in Beat No. 12 at Malta on the first Tuesday in April 1826. On 6 April 1833 James and Lydia Scidmore and Elijah and Lucina Scidmore sell 38.47 acres in Malta to Richard Chase, the witnesses being Gould Morehouse, Elizabeth Scidmore (presumably their mother), and Jacob Mear. They had all moved to Lake Pleasant by 1 April 1837 when they returned a deed to Saratoga County. James Scidmore was Town Clerk in 1847 at Lake Pleasant and Supervisor of the town from 1849 to 1851. [See also the notes on his brother Elijah (no. 189) following.]

James and Lydia removed in 1859 to Findley Lake, Chautauqua County, New York, and in 1869 to Northville, Fulton County, New York. They returned to Lake Pleasant in 1874. Lydia Scidmore, the dependent mother of James C. Skidmore, was given a pension of $8.00 a month in June 1864. She was then living at Sageville (Sageville became Lake Pleasant in 1898).

Children:

365. i. Timothy J., born November 1822.

ii. Elizabeth, born 1827. She married William H. Hawkins, and was living his widow at Lake Pleasant in 1860. She was at

Mina, Chautauqua County, New York, in 1871 aged 48.

iii. Mary, born 1829. She married Dr. Henry L. West, a dentist, and was living at Lake Pleasant in 1850.

iv. Susan, born 1833. Living at home in 1850.

v. Phebe Ann, born 1836. She married Marinus W. Lawrence, a farmer and Town Clerk at Lake Pleasant. She was the teacher for several years before her marriage at the school at Newton's Corners. Each day in summer she would row across the lake to her pedagogical duties, and in the winter she would skate across the ice.

vi. James C., born 1839. He was mustered into Company B, 111th Pennsylvania Infantry on 18 November 1861. Wounded at Wauhatchie, Tennessee, on 29 October 1863, and killed at Culp's Farm (Kenesaw Creek), Georgia, on 17 June 1864. James C. Skidmore had married about 1 February 1864 to Imogene Allen, the wife of Robert Allen. This marriage was declared invalid after he was killed in 1864 since Robert Allen was still living and Imogene had never divorced him. (She was living in 1878 at Gratiot, St. Clair County, Michigan.) The mother of James C. Skidmore was pensioned as his heir.

vii. John C., born 1842. Mustered into Company B, 111th Pennsylvania Infantry, on 4 January 1862, he later enlisted on 4 January 1864 at Mina, Chautauqua County, New York, in Company L, 15th New York Cavalry, transferred to Company L, 2nd Provisional Cavalry, on 17 June 1865, and discharged 9 August 1865. He was living in 1883 at Findley Lake, New York. He married Phebe A. _____ who survived him and was living his widow in 1899.

viii. Hiram Franklin, born April 1846. He married Rosanna M. _____ and they were living in 1905 at Speculator, Hamilton County, New York. Had issue.

189. ELIJAH[7] SKIDMORE, was born 23 July 1803 in Malta Township, Saratoga County, New York, a twin, the son of John (no. 77) and Elizabeth (_____) Scidmore. He died at Lake Pleasant, Hamilton County, New York, on 1 April 1839, and is buried in the Airdville Cemetery at Lake Pleasant. He married Lucina, the daughter of David Stillwell; she was born in 1806. She married (2) John Courtney of Lake Pleasant in 1850, and was living his widow in 1880 aged 75 with her son David at Gloversville, Fulton County, New York.

Elijah Scidmore was elected a Constable in Malta Township on the first Tuesday in April 1832. He and his brother James (see above) had moved to Lake Pleasant in Hamilton County by 20 December 1834. On that day Stephen Perkins sold an inn and land at Lake Pleasant to Elijah and James Scidmore. Elijah operated the Scidmore Hotel there until his death on 1 April 1839 when it passed to his brother James. The town meetings were held at the Scidmore Hotel from 1835 to 1842, and on 3 May

1847 James Scidmore had a license to sell liquor as a tavern keeper.

Elijah Scidmore was the Town Clerk from 1836 to 1838 and a Supervisor in 1839. When Hamilton County was formed the commissioners appointed by the state legislature to fix the site for the official buildings of the new county met at the house of Elijah Scidmore on 20 June 1839. The first Court of Common Pleas met there also on the third Tuesday in June 1839.

An agreement had been reached with Elijah and James Scidmore to execute a deed for two acres of land from 276 acres that they held jointly for the new county buildings. Before the deed was written Elijah Scidmore had died. On 12 April 1841 an indenture was written between David, Henry, Ancel and Elijah Scidmore (infant heirs of Elijah, deceased, by James M. Andrews, their guardian), and Lucina, his widow, and James Scidmore all of Hamilton County, conveying the site of the present county buildings to the Board of Supervisors. A year later, on 28 May 1842, Lucina together with James and Lydia Scidmore, sold what remained of her lands in the area to Hezekiah Sage for $2500.00.

Children:

i. David, born 1828. He married (1) Sarah A. _____, and (2) Mary Jane _____. He was a photographer and jeweler at 125 Main Street, Gloversville, Fulton County, New York, for many years. He appears in every directory through 1897 and then disappears. Not found in the 1900 census.

ii. Henry Nelson, born 4 July 1830. He married Thankful Phillips (1831-1895) in 1852. He lived at Northville, Fulton County, New York. An advertisement in the 1869 county directory says that he was a "dealer in watches, clocks, jewellry, Yankee notions, fishing tackle, &c, and manufacturer of Scidmore's celebrated fly rods." He died at Johnstown, Fulton County, on 6 August 1905 and is buried in the Main Street Cemetery at Northville.

iii. Ansel, born 1835. He married Jane Eliza Dickerson. He was a carpenter living in the Second Ward, Appleton, Outagamie County, Wisconsin, in the 1870 census.

iv. Elijah, born 1839. He was living unmarried with his widowed mother in 1870 at Northville, New York.

190. ELISHA[7] SCIDMORE, was born 23 July 1903 in Malta Township, Saratoga County, New York, a twin, the son of John (no. 77) and Elizabeth (_____) Scidmore. He died 6 September 1886 at East Line, Saratoga County, New York, aged 83 years. He married (1) Gulielma (Genta) McLeene who died 10 March 1849 aged 35 years, 6 months, 1 day, and (2) Hannah Elizabeth Clark, who was born in 1810 and died 12 July 1883. He and both of his wives are buried in the Malta Ridge Cemetery.

He was a member of the Christian Church of East Line, established in 1858 or 1859. Child's Business Directory of 1871 lists him at East Line in Ballston Township as a mason and as a farmer of 12 acres of land.

Children:

i. Mary E., born 1835. She married Patrick H. Meehan, and died at East Line in 1903 aged 68. Buried Malta Ridge Cemetery.

ii. Abby Jane, born 19 August 1836. She was a school teacher and married (after 1850) John Clancy Denton. They went by 1866 to Ottawa, LaSalle County, Illinois, with her brothers John and Charles Scidmore. Denton died at Remington, Jasper County, Indiana, from smoke inhalation while fighting a prairie fire. He was buried in the Ellsworth plot in the Hudson View Cemetery at Mechanicsville, Saratoga County, New York. She returned to East Line where she was living a widow in 1880, and died 16 February 1907 at Buffalo, Erie County, New York. She was buried in the West Laura Cemetery.

iii. James William, born 1839. He died, a child, on 26 December 1844. Buried Malta Ridge Cemetery.

iv. John, born 1841. He married Mary E. Taylor in 1868 in LaSalle County, Illinois. They were living in 1870 in Jackson Township, Jasper County, Missouri, and in 1880 in Clarinda Township, Page County, Iowa. Had issue.

v. Charles, born December 1843. He married Lydia _____, who was born in 1846 in Vermont. Moved before 1870 to Ottawa, LaSalle County, Illinois, where he was living in 1916.

vi. Mariah Alwilda, born 6 May 1845. Alwilda Scidmore was adopted by Harvey Parks (1796-1880) of Lake Pleasant, Hamilton County, New York, and as Alwilda Pelcher was his only heir when Parks' will was probated in Fulton County, New York in 1880. (She was living, aged 15, in the household of Harvey Parks at Lake Pleasant in 1860.) She married Mitchell Pelcher of Lake Pleasant and died there 17 May 1925; buried Airdville Cemetery.

vii. William I., born April 1848. He married Fanny M. Bertrand (1857-1916). He died in 1916 at East Line, buried Malta Ridge Cemetery. No issue, his heirs were his surviving brothers and sisters, and several nephews and nieces.

191. ABNER[7] SKIDMORE, was born 11 May 1782 in Stillwater Township, Saratoga County, New York, the son of Abner (no. 78) and Sarah (Coon) Scidmore. He married Hannah, the daughter of John McKinstry, who brought him a 200 acre farm in Saratoga Township purchased by her father in 1787. She was born 19 November 1787 and died 10 September 1860 aged 73. Abner Scidmore died 30 March 1863, and they are buried in the Scidmore Cemetery located between Bryant's Bridge and Stafford Bridge on the east side of Fish Creek.

He moved soon after reaching his majority to Saratoga Township. He was living in 1860 with his son John at Saratoga Springs. The petition for administration on his estate lists his sons John and Harvey as his sole heirs.

Children:

366. i. John, born 10 August 1813.
ii. Sibbel, born 16 April 1820. Died before her father.
367. iii. Harvey, born 30 January 1821.

192. JOHN[7] SKIDMORE, was born 6 December 1783 in Stillwater Township, Saratoga County, New York, the son of Abner (no. 78) and Sarah (Coon) Scidmore. He died on 7 November 1840 in Washington Township, Macomb County, Michigan. He married (1) in 1809 _____ Hand (the sister of Davis Hand), the daughter of Samuel Hand, and (2) Sally, the daughter of Joel and Phebe (Avery) Bishop; she was born on 7 June 1789 at Guilford, New Haven County, Connecticut, and died 1 February 1865 in Washington Township, Macomb County, Michigan. She was living in 1860 with her son Solomon Scidmore.

John Skidmore went for a time to Clarksfield, Huron County, Ohio, with his father-in-law, but returned to Rose Township, Wayne County, New York, where he was living in 1828. Sally Skidmore taught the first school at that place. He is enumerated there in the 1820 census (Rose was then part of Wolcott Township, Seneca County) and in 1830. In 1836 he moved to Washington Township, Macomb County, Michigan, where he died on 7 November 1840. The administration on his estate was given to his widow and his son Truman Scidmore on 25 November 1840.

Children: (First wife)

368. i. Sylvanus, born 4 January 1811.
ii. Sally, born 30 May 1813.

(Second Wife)

369. iii. Truman, born 25 August 1815.
370. iv. Solomon Chauncey, born 19 May 1819.
v. Mary Ann, born 22 October 1819. She married Edward Soule (1817-1903) on 30 December 1840. She was living at Romeo, Macomb County, Michigan, in 1887, and died there 21 January 1892.
vi. Rachel, born 31 December 1821. She married Seth C. C. Gladen on 25 July 1841 in Washington Township, Macomb County. They lived at Oxford, Oakland County, Michigan.
371. vii. John, born 6 August 1824.
372 viii. George, born 26 September 1826.

ix. Marilda, born 7 December 1828. She married John M. Brown (1817-____) of Oxford, Oakland County, on 18 March 1848 in Washington Township, Macomb County. She died 4 May 1898 at Ostico, Michigan, where he was a farmer.

193. MATHEW[7] SCIDMORE, was born at Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County, New York, on 30 December 1785, the son of Abner (no. 78) and Sarah (Coon) Scidmore, and had died at Cohocton, Steuben County, New York, before the 1820 census was taken there. He married Harriet, the daughter of Garrett Clute. She married after his death (2) Thomas Havens; they were living in 1840 at Naples, Ontario County, New York.

Mathew Scidmore was enumerated in the 1810 census of Saratoga Township, Saratoga County. He had moved to Cohocton, Steuben County, New York, by 1 August 1816 when Charles W. and Penelope C. Henry of Middlesex, Ontario County, sell to Mathew Scidmore 50 1/2 acres at the southeast corner of lot 114 in the town of Cohocton for $288.00. Mathew had died by 1820 when Mrs. Harriet Skidmore is enumerated at Cohocton. There was no probate on his estate.

Garrett Scidmore owned 80 acres in Reed Township, Seneca County, Ohio. On 23 September 1833 his heirs join together to sell this tract for $180.00 to Isaac Leggett. His brothers and sisters and his mother all sign in Steuben County, New York: Abner Scidmore and Jane; Nelson Havens and Sarah; John Wait and Betsey; William Scidmore; Hannah Scidmore; and Harriet Havens [his mother] and Thomas Havens, her husband.

Children:

i. Garrett, born 1806. He died unmarried at Cohocton on 2 February 1831. Abner Scidmore and John Nicolson were appointed administrators of his estate on 15 April 1831.

ii. Betsey, born 12 January 1808. She married John Wait (1790-1877). They were living in Steuben County in 1860.

373. iii. Abner, born 1810.

374. iv. William, born 1813.

v. Sarah, born ____. She married Nelson Havens. They were living in 1840 at Naples, Ontario Township, New York. He was living a widower in 1850, in Summerhill Township, Crawford County, Pennsylvania.

vi. Hannah, born ____. She was living unmarried in Steuben County in 1833.

194. SOLOMON[7] SCIDMORE, was born at Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County, New York, on 18 November 1789, the son of Abner (no. 78) and Sarah (Coon) Scidmore. He died on 15 September 1859 in Bloomfield Township,

LaGrange County, Indiana. He is buried in the Hill's Corners Cemetery at Plato there. He married Ruhamah, the daughter of Captain Thomas Bolles (who is said to have come to the United States with Lafayette), and previously the widow of William Woodward. She was born on 19 October 1789 at Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland, and died on 1 November 1863 at Dansville, Steuben County, New York, aged 74 years and 11 days. She is buried there in the Forest Lawn Cemetery.

He is said to have served in the War of 1812 and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is enumerated in the 1820 and 1830 census at Dansville.

Solomon Scidmore purchased land in Dansville, Steuben County, New York, on 2 March 1821 from David Cathcart, Lord Alloway. He was a Collector at Dansville in 1832, 1834, and 1835. He sold this land in 1836 and moved to Indiana.

There were only 36 families in Bloomfield Township when he settled there in 1836. He served on the first county Board of Elections. He may be the Solomon Scidmore, not otherwise identified, who was a witness to a deed in Jackson County, Michigan, in 1839. Dr. Arthur W. Skidmore, of Three Rivers, Michigan, visited Angeline M. (Scidmore) Weir when she was aged 94 in 1924. (He was a son of Abram Scidmore, no. 381.) They could not establish their relationship, but he was confident that there was one since he had also an older brother Zophar Scidmore.

Zophar L. Scidmore purchased his fathers homestead of 160 acres at Plato, LaGrange County, Indiana. His mother returned to New York and died there as noted above.

Children:

i. Zophar L., born 17 September 1814. He married Naomi Talmadge (1830-1892) on 28 April 1853. He went to Canon City, Fremont County, Colorado, for a year, but returned to Indiana. He was active in politics and was the Sheriff of LaGrange County in 1854. He died 14 August 1884; buried Plato Cemetery.

375. ii. George Bolles, born 11 January 1819.

iii. John G., born 15 April 1820. He died unmarried in 1849.

iv. Josiah P., born 11 May 1822. Died childhood.

v. Warren P., born 20 May 1825, died 29 October 1838 and is buried at Plato.

vi. Angeline M., born 15 May 1827. She married Norman Weir (1818-1896) on 4 May 1851. She died 7 November 1924 and is buried at Plato.

vii. Jane C., born 3 August 1829. She was living at Dansville, New York, in 1850, then unmarried. She married William Maxwell (1830-1892) on 3 April 1852 in LaGrange County. She died 11 November 1904 at White Pigeon, St. Joseph County,

Michigan, and is buried at Plato.

viii. Charles D., born 17 May 1832. Died 8 December 1845 aged 13 years, 6 months, and is buried at Plato.

195. GEORGE[7] SKIDMORE, was born at Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County, New York, on 21 March 1793, the son of Abner (no. 78) and Sarah (Coon) Scidmore. He died at the same place on 24 July 1843. He married 28 May 1818 Hannah, the daughter of James and Abigail (Scidmore) Potter. She was born 17 November 1796 and died 5 November 1857.

George Skidmore is the head of a family in the 1820, 1830 and 1840 census in Saratoga Springs. There was no probate on his estate but on 15 March and 13 April 1858 his 10 surviving children (all except Matilda and Abner) joined together to sell their 1/10 interest in his house and lot in Saratoga Springs to James M. Andrews.

Children:

i. Abigail, born 13 March 1819. She married Francis Wayland Horton (1825-1880) on 25 November 1847. She died 8 March 1878 at Saratoga Springs.

ii. Sarah A., born 29 December 1820. She married John Coons on 14 January 1847. She died 3 February 1899.

376. iii. Amos Freeman, born 15 October 1822.

iv. Mary E., born 6 October 1824. She married Daniel W. Mitchell on 20 November 1845. She died 21 June 1877.

v. Matilda, born 31 October 1826. She died 9 October 1851.

vi. Adaline, born 28 December 1828. She married Benjamin R. Viele of Saratoga Springs. She died in June 1921.

vii. Abner, born 3 November 1830, died April 1838.

viii. John S., born 15 December 1832. He married Charlotte A. French on 12 November 1857. He was the proprietor of the Western Hotel in Saratoga Springs. He died 19 April 1900.

ix. James A., born 26 January 1835. He married Eliza Valentine on 15 November 1858; she was born in Canada. He was a carpenter, and died 20 August 1886.

x. Hannah Cordelia, born 23 April 1837. She married 13 April 1859 to Miles Melvin Hall, a pumpmaker of Saratoga Springs. She died 13 July 1910.

xi. Eliza J., born 2 September 1839. She married Charles Butterfield on 12 November 1857. She died 21 September 1907.

xii. George Harvey, born 2 April 1842. He served in Company E, 77th Regiment, enlisted 31 August 1862. Wounded at Petersburg, Virginia, in his right leg on 21 September 1864. Promoted to Corporal and discharged 16 June 1865. Lived at 55 Second Street, Saratoga Springs. Died 4 January 1926 unmarried. Member of G. A. R. at Saratoga Springs.

196. BENJAMIN[7] SCIDMORE, was born 19 November 1795 at Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County, New York, the son of Abner (no. 78) and Sarah (Coon) Scidmore, and died at Handy Township, Livingston County, Michigan, on 11 July 1886. He married Emily Perkins on 11 August 1825 at Cohocton, Steuben County, New York; she was born in 1808 and died aged 55 on 24 January 1864. They are buried in the Benjamin Cemetery in Conway Township in Livingston County, Michigan.

Benjamin Scidmore is first noticed in the 1825 state census of Dansville, Steuben County, New York, where he is listed with 1 male, 1 female, 1 militia, and 1 voter. His brother Solomon Scidmore is also there in 1825. In 1830 he was enumerated at Springwater Township, Livingston County, New York. He went afterwards to Dryden Township, Lapeer County, Michigan, where he was living in 1862.

Benjamin Schidmore applied for a pension on 30 July 1873 while living at Corunna, Schiawassee County, Michigan, aged 77. He states he was drafted into Captain Archie Campbell's company, Colonel Hugh W. Dobbin's regiment of New York Militia on 30 January 1814 as a private. He served until 17 April 1814 stationed at Williamsville [in Erie County, New York] except for four weeks at Black Rock. He was discharged at Williamsville. Other papers show that he died at the home of his son-in-law Ezra Miner in Handy Township, Livingston County, Michigan.

Benjamin Skidmore entered land in Sections 7 and 8 of Township 6 North Range 11 East in Lapeer County on 29 October 1839. He had a guardian appointed in 1862 in Lapeer County (File 282), but this seems to have later been revoked.

Children:

i. Maria, born 1826. She married Ezra Miner on 24 August 1843, in Livingston County. They were living in 1886 in Handy Township, Livingston County, Michigan.
ii. Mary Jane, born 1827. She married Robert Bosworth of Metamora "at the mansion house of Benjamin Scidmore" in Dryden Township, Lapeer County, on 16 April 1843.

197. DAVID[7] SKIDMORE, was born 1 January 1780 in Saratoga Township, Saratoga County, New York, the son of Zophar (no. 79) and Hannah (Carpenter) Scidmore. He died at Saratoga Springs on 29 December 1826 in his 47th year. He married Huldah, the daughter of James Green; she was born 2 May 1784 and died 20 August 1829 aged 43 years, 3 months, 18 days. They are buried in the Robbins Cemetery, East Chapman Hill, in Saratoga County.

David Scidmore is called an innkeeper in a suit filed in 1817, apparently succeeding or assisting his father in this calling. He was an Ensign in the 41st Regiment of New York State Militia in 1811 (for

Saratoga County) and was promoted to Lieutenant in 1812. He was replaced by Abraham Q. Wright in 1817 "Scidmore having removed." He was a School Commissioner in 1820 in Saratoga County. He is called "Deacon" on his tombstone.

The administration of his estate was granted on 14 March 1827. He is called "of Saratoga Springs" and Rensselaer Ketchum gave a bond of $1000.00 for Huldah Scidmore, the administratrix. After her death John Gilbert was appointed to administer in her place on 16 December 1829. Daniel Douglas was appointed the guardian of Angeline, Joseph S., Elizabeth G., and Sarah, who were minors in 1831. Hiram and Martha Taylor were of age.

Children:

377. i. Hiram born 5 November 1803.

ii. Martha Green, born 15 April 1907. She married Isaac Putnam Taylor on 7 April 1829. They moved in 1837 to Canton, Fulton County, Illinois, and in 1839 to Tivoli Township, Peoria County, Illinois. She died at Yates City, Knox County, Illinois, on 31 July 1885.

iii. Angeline, born 1809. She married Daniel Beers, and was living at Ballston in 1850.

378. iv. Joseph I., born ____.

v. Elizabeth G., born 3 April 1815. She died 23 October 1830 at Corinth, Saratoga County. Buried Robbins Cemetery.

vi. Sarah G., born 1818. She married Ebenezer Taylor on 15 September 1838 in Jackson County, Michigan. They lived first in Leoni Township, Jackson County, and moved in 1856 to Grass Lake in the same county where they were members of the Congregational Church. She died 17 May 1875.

vii. David C., born 1820. He died 23 January 1827 aged 7. Buried Robbins Cemetery.

198. REUBEN[7] SCIDMORE, born 13 November 1782 in Saratoga Township, Saratoga County, New York, the son of Zophar (no. 79) and Hannah (Carpenter) Scidmore, died 10 March 1847 in Waterloo Township, Jackson County, Michigan. He is buried in a cemetery at the corner of Seymour and Welch Lake Roads there. He married, about 1802, Susanna Bell (probably a daughter of Henry Bell) who is said to have died aged 36 in childbirth (but this does not prove to be true if she was his only wife).

He was a Collector in Saratoga Township in 1810. He and his wife Susan sold land in Northumberland Township, Saratoga County, in 1826. He moved to Waterloo Township, Jackson County, Michigan, in 1836 settling at East Portage. He procured 160 acres by a land grant signed by President Jackson. This was located in Section 10 and was covered with dense forest which he cleared. He added to this by purchase and there were

400 acres in the hands of his descendants in 1903. He was a Whig in politics.

In the 1810 census he is living at Saratoga Township adjoining his cousin Samuel Skidmore. There was no probate on his estate until 23 November 1882 when his grandson Zophar Scidmore was granted an administration for the purpose of discharging a mortgage against the real estate of Reuben Scidmore, deceased. The heirs (in an imperfect petition) are given as Zophar, Fred, and John Scidmore, and their half-brothers Arthur and Reuben Scidmore (so identified).

Children:

1. Elizabeth, born 16 August 1804.
379. ii. Henry, born 27 December 1805.
iii. Sarah, born 24 December 1807.
380. iv. Isaac, born 9 December 1809.
v. Hannah, born October 1811. She married Austin D. Halladay and lived at Battle Creek, Calhoun County, Michigan, in 1847 and in Bedford Township in the same county in 1850.
381 vi. Abram, born 18 October 1814.
382. vii. Zophar, born 3 February 1816.
viii. Mary, born 20 September 1818. She married Benjamin Cook on 25 December 1838 and lived in Waterloo Township, Jackson County. She died in 1893.
ix. Lydia, born 11 February 1820.
383. x. David, born 20 March 1823.
xi. Reuben, born 3 January 1827. Probably died young.

199. JOHN[7] SKIDMORE, was born 18 February 1800 at Hackensack, Bergen County, New Jersey, the son of John (no. 80) and Catherine (DeGraw) Skidmore. He was living as late as 1860 in Newstead Township, Erie County, New York. He married Samantha W. Bush, who was born in Monroe County, New York. It is not known where this couple died or is buried; possibly it was at New Castle, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, where all of their sons subsequently lived.

He was born at Hackensack, New Jersey, according to descendants. He is enumerated in Newstead Township in 1850, 1855, and 1860. All of his children were born in that county according to the 1855 state census.

Children:

i. James born June 1836. He married Margaret E. Heasley. They were living at 39 N. Mercer Street, New Castle, Pennsylvania, in 1900 and again in 1910.
ii. Augusta, born 1840. She married James Harrington (1841-1913). She died in 1917, and is buried in the Chautauqua Cemetery on the main road to Jamestown, New York, in

Chautauqua County.

iii. Charles H., born March 1842. He married Eliza A. Welch. They were living in 1910 at New Castle, Pennsylvania.

iv. George W., born July 1844. He married (1) Olive Jones, and (2) Viola A. _____. He enlisted on 8 August 1862 aged 18 at Newstead, New York, for three years in Company B, 116th Regiment of New York Volunteers. He was captured at Cedar Creek on 19 October 1864 and then paroled. This regiment made a "triumphal march" through Buffalo on 13 June 1865. They were living in 1910 in Erie County, Pennsylvania. His widow Viola A. Skidmore was a pensioner in 1929.

v. Palmer B., born May 1847. He married Susan J. Heasley and was living at New Castle, Pennsylvania, in 1910.

200. CORNELIUS H.[7] SKIDMORE was born 1800-10 in Bergen County, New Jersey, the son of John (no.80) and Leah (Helms) Skidmore. He died in Saddle River Township, Bergen County, New Jersey, before 15 April 1848. He married Anna the daughter of Peter Lutkins of Paramus, New Jersey. (George Washington is said to have spent a night at the Lutkins home there.) She married (2) Robert DeGroot.

Cornelius Skidmore served on the School Board in 1846. The administration on the estate of Cornelius H. Skidmore was given to Cornelius D. Taylor on 15 April 1848 who made bond in the amount of $2000.00. Anna Skidmore was named the guardian of Catherine, Leah, Gertrude, and Richard Skidmore in 1849.

Ann Skidmore is the head of a family in Saddle River Township in 1850. She was then aged 40, and her children "Gitty," Leah, Richard, Catherine are at home, and a Gitty dittoed Skidmore, an error, aged 65 who was probably her mother is also in the household. She is listed as having $800.00 in real property. She was married, almost immediately after this schedule was set down, to Robert DeGroot (1795-1878) of Lodi, New Jersey, as his third wife. Leah and Catherine (wrongly dittoed as DeGroot) are living with their stepfather in 1860 together with a half brother John DeGroot (born 1852).

There are a few deeds of interest in Bergen County. On 1 November 1836 Leah Skidmore deeded 8 acres to her son Cornelius of Saddle River for $400.00. On 23 February 1839 Cornelius H. and Ann Skidmore joined with John V. B. K. Van Dien and his wife Hannah, Lodowick Young and his wife Sally, and Gitty Lutkins [perhaps his mother-in-law] to sell three lots in New Barbadoes to Garret Oldis. Presumably they are the heirs of Peter Lutkins, although this is left unstated.

Children:

i. Mary Ann, born 1834. She married Samuel Dawson, Jr., on 4 July 1856 at Hackensack, New Jersey. She is called of Red

Mills (now Arcola, Jew Jersey.)

ii. Gertrude (Gitty), born 1840.

iii. Leah, born 1843.

iv. Richard, born 1845. He is not found in the 1860 census, but may be the Richard C. Skidmore, not otherwise identified, who enlisted on 7 July 1861 aged 21 at Camp Scott on Staten Island to serve three years in Company C, 73rd New York Infantry, later transferred to Company A. He was promoted to Sergeant, and was wounded 2 July 1863 at Gettysburg. Re-enlisted 30 December 1863 and was mustered out near Washington, D. C., on 29 June 1865. Nothing else is known, and he was never pensioned.

v. Catherine, born 1848. She married Jacob A. H. Garretson on 28 June 1870. She is called of Arcola and he of Ridgewood at the time of their marriage.

201. WILLIAM TOWNSEND[7] SKIDMORE, was born in 1808 (probably at Brooklyn, Kings County) the only surviving son of Captain Hubbard (no. 81) and Hannah (McCoun) Skidmore and died before 30 April 1855 at Whitestone, Flushing, Long Island. He married Mary _____ who was born in 1817 in Germany.

William Skidmore was a pilot in the New York harbor. He first appears in the directories in 1832 at 52 Rutgers Street, and is listed every year thereafter at a variety of addresses until 1851 when he was living at 283 Henry Street. He and his wife Mary and an Irish servant are living in the Seventh Ward in the 1850 census.

The administration of William T. Skidmore, late of Whitestone, was granted in Queens County on 30 April 1855 to Mary Skidmore, his widow, and to Joseph S. Ridgeway, counselor of law, both of New York City. On the same day the widow and the surviving sisters of William T. Skidmore (James L. Ridgeway and Sarah M.; R. Ogden Doremus and Estelle E.; Stephen D. Horton and Caroline L.) join the executor (William T. Skidmore's nephew) in selling land on the road from Flushing to Whitestone Dock which Skidmore had purchased on 10 July 1851.

Nothing more has been learned of his widow. There were no children.

202. ORLANDO[7] SKIDMORE was born about 1804 the son of Samuel (no. 83) and Phebe (Weeks) Skidmore. He presumably never married.

Orlando Skidmore, a boatman, appears in the 1829 and 1830 directories of New York City at 61 Montgomery Street; in the 1830 census Samuel Skidmore, his father, is enumerated at this address. In 1831 and 1832 they are living at 647 Water Street where neither one is found in 1833. In 1834 Samuel Skidmore is there as the head of the household and remains there until 1843. On 1 April 1835 Samuel Skidmore had a new

lease of the premises at 647 Water Street, and it is likely that Orlando was dead by this date.

203. ALBERT[7] SKIDMORE was born in 1808 in New York City, the son of Samuel (no. 83) and Phebe (Weeks) Skidmore. He married Martha, who was perhaps a daughter of Samuel Schemerhorn. They were both living in 1860 in the Seventh Ward of New York City.

On 18 March 1822 Zophar and Deliverance Skidmore of Brookhaven conveyed to Alfred [sic] Skidmore, grandson of the said Zophar Scidmore, for "natural love and affection" several tracts including a mill in Setauket and 20 acres of land. The witnesses were Benjamin F. Thompson (1784-1849), the distinguished historian of Long Island, and John S. Mount. On 16 September Alfred Skidmore of the city of New York, a mariner, sold to Robert Wilson, a cartman, for $500.00 the above premises including a mill at Setauket and 20 acres of land.

Albert Skidmore is first listed in the New York City directories in 1832 at 263 Second Street, and he appears every year (with an occasional exception) for the next thirty years as a shipjoiner. In 1841 he joined his father for a time at 647 Water Street. Albert Skidmore, his wife, and an unidentified female 10 to 15 are living in the Seventh Ward in the 1840 census probably at 77 Goerck Street.

In the 1850 census of the Seventh Ward we find him at 240 Monroe Street but listed most curiously under the name Schemerhorn. Albert Schemerhorn, aged 40, a shipjoiner, is head of a family that includes his wife Martha (dittoed Schemerhorn), aged 38, his sister Emily Skidmore, aged 35, and lastly a Samuel Schemerhorn, aged 70 and a native of Ireland. Probably this represents some misapprehension on the part of neighbors who supplied the data, or some confusion in the Marshal's mind about the relationship of the people in the household. In the 1900 census Emily A. Skidmore (still a spinster) gave her birth as August 1832 and her age as 67 so there may be some confusion as to ages as well.

Albert Skidmore is last found listed in the Brooklyn City Directory for 1863 as a shipjoiner at 50 Taylor Street. It is strange to find that he is listed here once again as Alfred Skidmore. No mention had been found for him after this date; his wife Martha (who was enumerated with him in the 1860 census in New York City) also disappears. There was no probate on his estate, and there were no children.

204. CAPTAIN WILLIAM N.[7] SKIDMORE was born in 1824 on Long Island, the son of Samuel (no. 83) and Phebe (Weeks) Skidmore, and died 2 October at 258 Ainslie Street, Brooklyn. He married on 17 January 1847 at the Norfolk Street Methodist Church in New York City to Susanna, the daughter of Adam and Susanna (_____) Leach. She was born in New York in 1826,

and died before her husband. He is buried in the Cypress Hills Cemetery.

He is first noticed in the New York City directories in 1847, the year of his marriage, at 171 Essex Street, a sashmaker. In 1854 he moved to 72 S. First Street in the Williamsburg area of Brooklyn where he is listed as a manufacturer of sash and blinds. He remained in Brooklyn for the rest of his life, and is called variously a joiner, sashmaker, blindmaker, carpenter or engineer in the directories.

William N. Skidmore, aged 38, enlisted 23 August 1862 at New York City for three years as a private in Company K, 10th New York Volunteer Infantry. He was subsequently promoted to Second Lieutenant of Company F, and was discharged as a Captain at Munson Hill, Virginia on 30 June 1865.

He was enumerated in the 1900 census at 260 Ainslie Street, Brooklyn, living a widower with his only daughter Jennie. He died soon after on 2 October 1900, and was buried 5 October 1900 at Cypress Hills.

Children:

i. A daughter, born 3 January 1848, died an infant.
ii. Jane A. (Jennie), born 4 July 1849. She was living unmarried with her father in 1900. In 1898 she was his only surviving child.

205. SOLOMON[7] SKIDMORE, was born in 1815 in Norfolk, Norfolk County, Virginia, the son of Zophar (no. 84) and Jane (Druit) Skidmore. He was living as late as the 1870 census in the Jefferson Ward of Portsmouth, Virginia. He married on 23 December 1837 at Norfolk to Margaret F. Pointer who was still living, his widow, in 1900 at 437 Randolph Street, Portsmouth, aged 84.

John Archer was the bondsman on his wedding bond; two days later Solomon Skidmore was the surety for the bond of William Sandeford who intended to marry Susan Warrington.

Solomon Skidmore was a ship caulker by trade, and is so listed in the 1850 census at Norfolk. In the first directory published for Norfolk in 1851 he is found living at 16 Avon Street, a caulker. He owned no real property according to the census records and very little personal property. There was no probate on his estate.

Children:

i. Martha A., born October 1838. She married Richard E. Ayres. She was living, a widow, with her mother in 1880 and 1900.
ii. Margaret J., born 1840. Living at home in 1860.

iii. Charles F., born August 1842. Living unmarried with his mother in 1900.

iv. Mary S., born 1845. Living unmarried with her mother in 1880.

v. Malissa V., born 1851. She married _____ Bright and was living, his widow, with her two young children at Norfolk in 1880.

vi. Alonzo W., born November 1853. He married E. Gertrude Hoff man, previously the widow of _____ Mathews, on 8 January 1899 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Chicago Cook County, Illinois. He enlisted in the U. S. Navy in 1876 at the Navy Yard in Norfolk and retired as a Chief Machinist Mate. He died on 8 February 1922 at 712 Fairfax Street Avenue, Norfolk, and is buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, Portsmouth.

vii. John W., born March 1855. He married Elizabeth Wiggins, and was living with his mother in 1880. She married (2) Julius W. Hollander on 27 December 1917 while living at 1216 Link Street, Cincinnati, Hamilton County Ohio. John Skidmore had died before 1910 when his widow was living at Portsmouth.

viii. Lovey, born 1860. Probably dead in 1870.

206. FREDERICK AUGUSTUS[7] SKIDMORE, was born in 1824 at Brookhaven, Suffolk County, Long Island, the son of Richard (no. 87) and Susan Augusta (Griffith) Skidmore. He and his wife are living in the 1880 census at Smithtown, Long Island, with his mother. He married Mary A. _____ who was born about 1823 in Ireland.

Frederick A. Skidmore is first noticed in the New York City directory for 1850, employed at the exchange on Broome Street and living at 20 Downing Street. In the following year he was employed at 53 Mercer Street but was living in the Williamsburg District of Brooklyn. He seems to have been overlooked in the 1850 census. He appears continuously in the Brooklyn directories from 1853 (when he is a house carpenter at 232 First in Williamsburg) until 1880 when he is listed as a salesman at 281 Schermerhorn Street. In this year he appears to have moved to Smithtown, Long Island. He is enumerated in the 1860 and 1870 censuses in the 13th Ward of Brooklyn.

Children:

i. Thomas A., born 1849. He is living with his father at 299 South 2nd Street, Brooklyn in the 1872 directory of Brooklyn, a clerk.

ii. Albert A., born February 1851. He married Victoria (or Victorene) _____ (1852-1923). They were living in 1900 at 685 Monroe Street, Brooklyn.

iii. Lavina, born 1853. She is living at home in 1870 (at 247

Grand Street, Brooklyn).

207. ZARDIS[7] SKIDMORE, was born in 1772 at Newtown, Fairfield County, Connecticut, the son of Elnathan (no. 88) and Eunice (Wakely) Skidmore. He was living as late as 1850 with his son Zardis Skidmore, Jun., at Alabama Township, Genesee County, New York. No tombstone has yet been found for him. He appears to have married four times but the following list of his wives should be received with some caution. He married (1) Lucy Jackson who was born 14 October 1773; she is probably the wife buried 7 September 1801, the mother of his two eldest daughters. Then (2) came Polly _____, born 1779; she died 6 March 1811 aged 32, buried Land's End Cemetery at Newtown. She was followed by (3) Sarah Barnes; there is said to have been no issue of this marriage. Wife number (4) was Polly Smith, the daughter of Richard and Sabra (Sherman) Smith. (Sabra Sherman, her mother, was a sister of Jotham Sherman noticed elsewhere.) Polly (Smith) Skidmore was born in 1773 and was living as late as 1850 with her stepdaughter Mary Ann (Skidmore) Northrup at Newtown aged 77.

Zardis Skidmore is enumerated in the 1800 and 1810 census at Newtown. In 1815 he was living at Patterson, Putnam County, New York, when he purchased for the sum of $2,335.00 from his sister Eunice and his brothers Isaac and Sherman their interest in the lands belonging to their father. This property consisted of 18 acres including the homestead of Elnathan Skidmore in Newtown Township, and three other tracts in Brookfield. He apparently did not return to Connecticut to take up these tracts, for he was living in 1820 at Patterson in Putnam County. By 1830 he had moved to Royalton Township, Niagara County, New York. On 20 June 1834 he bought about 61 acres there in the southwest part of Royalton Township on the north side of Johnny Cake Road (now Lincoln Avenue Extension) for $346.00 from the Holland Land Company. In 1847 Zardis Skidmore, Sen., and his wife Polly, and Zardis, Jun., and Sarah Ann (they were living at Alabama, Genesee County) sold the extreme southwest corner of this tract for $21.00 to the Trustees of School District No. 16. This deed was for a 1/4 acre for a schoolhouse.

In 1850 Zardis, Sen., was living with his son Zardis, Jr., in Alabama Township in Genesee County; his wife Polly was back at Newtown. Zardis is styled a carpenter in the 1850 census. He may still have been living in 1854 when the son is called Junior in a deed. No probate or list of heirs has yet been found for the father, but he is said by his sister Mrs. Thorp to have had three children.

Children: (First wife)

i. Mary Ann, born 24 April 1800 at Newtown. She married Alonzo Northrop (1804-1881) at Newtown on 17 January 1841. She died there on 24 August 1854, buried Land's End Cemetery. He married (2) Almira Morehouse, the widow of Nelson

Sherman.

ii. Lucy Mariah, born 29 August 1801 at Newtown. She married Silas Burch (1797-1876) on 14 October 1840 at Danbury, Connecticut, and died at that place on 20 April 1876. They are buried in the Christian Church Cemetery. (They were living in 1850 at Patterson, Putnam County, New York.)

(Second wife)

iii. A daughter, died 15 June 1810 at Newtown, Connecticut.

(Fourth wife)

iv. A daughter, born 1815-20. She was living in 1830. Died young.

384. v. Zardis, born 25 January 1817.

208. DAVID WOLCOTT[7] SKIDMORE, was born at Newtown, Fairfield County, Connecticut, in 1775, the son of Elnathan and Eunice (Wakely) Skidmore. He died 17 May 1860 at Newtown aged 85 of heart disease. He married Asenath, the daughter of Stephen Sears; she was born in 1777 and died 29 July 1857 at Newtown aged 80.

In 1800 he is enumerated at Patterson, Putnam County, New York (then a part of Franklin Township, Dutchess County). In 1810 he was living at Armenia, Dutchess County, but moved almost immediately to New York City. In the 1811 city directory Wolcott Skidmore was a merchant at 79 Chapel Street. In 1814 Lemuel and David Skidmore are partners in an ironmongery at 167 Washington Street. This business did not last long, however, and in 1820 David Skidmore is back at Armenia. In 1830 he is enumerated in Northeast Township, Dutchess County.

On 5 May 1825 David and "Seny" Skidmore of Northeast Township in Dutchess County gave a deed for land there. They returned a deed from Redding, Fairfield County, Connecticut, on 14 January 1836 selling land on West Mountain in Dutchess County for $3,300.00.

They are enumerated in 1850 at Danbury; David is 75, Azzenath is 73, and Eliza, their only daughter, is 43. David W. Skidmore died at Newtown on 17 May 1860 aged 60.

Child

i. Eliza, born 1804 in Dutchess County, New York. She died in 1890, buried Land's End Cemetery. [These dates are from her tombstone there.] Never married.

209. ISAAC[7] SKIDMORE, was born 14 September 1780 at Newtown, Fairfield

County, Connecticut, the son of Elnathan (no. 88) and Eunice (Wakely) Skidmore. He died 14 January 1842 at Unadilla, Livingston County, Michigan. He married Sarah, the daughter of Joseph and Martha (Knapp) Lull on 10 December 1809 at Butternuts, Otsego County, New York, she was born at that place on 8 January 1791 and died 28 August 1865 at Waterloo, Jackson County, Michigan. They are both buried in the North Waterloo Cemetery.

Isaac Skidmore took the Freeman's Oath at Newtown in 1803. In 1818 he was a Cornet in the Otsego County Militia. They lived at Butternuts until 1822 when they moved to New Lisbon in Otsego County. In 1816 Isaac and Sarah Skidmore sold 120 acres at Butternuts to Sherman Skidmore, his brother, on Shun Pike.

They moved in March 1838 to Michigan, settling on a farm at Unadilla in Livingston County. After his death this farm was sold to William Stilson and his widow and four youngest children moved to Dexter, Washtenaw County, Michigan. In 1860 the widow went to Waterloo, Jackson County, Michigan, to live with her eldest daughter where she died.

Children:

i. Eunice Ann, born 26 April 1811. She married Lamech Sweet (1805-1894) on 9 December 1830. They moved to Dexter in 1833 and to Waterloo in 1837. She died 27 May 1899.

ii. Elizabeth, born 21 April 1813. She married the Honorable William Avery Jones (1811-1879) on 23 February 1837. They lived at Dexter in 1850. She died 20 July 1858. He was a Senator in the Michigan Legislature.

iii. Mary, born 10 April 1816. She married (1) Harvey Taylor on 12 August 1836, and (2) Reverend John Scotford. He was a Methodist minister; lived De Witt, Clinton County, Michigan.

385. iv. Elnathan, born 13 April 1818.

v. Lucia R., born 20 March 1820. She married William M. Stilson (who purchased her father's farm) on 17 January 1841. She died at Unadilla on 28 March 1891.

386. vi. Amos B., born 23 May 1822.

387 vii. William Burtis, born 12 July 1824.

vii. Jesse Clinton, born 20 July 1826. He died unmarried on 15 February 1857, a harness maker in Dexter village.

ix. Sarah E., born 15 September 1828. She married Harlem Burch in January 1854. She died in June 1858.

x. Marcia S., born 4 July 1831, a twin. She married Reverend Vernon K. Barber. They lived at Waterloo, where she died 25 September 1867.

xi. Martha S., born 4 July 1831, a twin. She married Albert Yoakum on 19 December 1850. They lived at Waterloo, where she died 18 July 1870.

210. NEHEMIAH[7] SKIDMORE, was born 20 March 1782 at Newtown, Fairfield County, Connecticut, the son of Elnathan (no. 88) and Eunice (Wakely) Skidmore. He died on 20 September 1849 at Litchfield, Hillsdale County, Michigan, aged 67 years, 6 months, and is buried in the Todd Town Cemetery, Litchfield. He married about 1810 Anna, the daughter of Abel and Abiah (Baldwin) Ferris; she was born 26 August 1787 and died 11 September 1854 at Litchfield, aged 67 years, 16 days.

He took the Freeman's Oath at Newtown in 1810. He removed in 1833 to Pittsford, Monroe County, New York, where he followed his trade as a carpenter and joiner. He sold several tracts of land at Brighton in Monroe County, New York, in 1838, and at Pittsford in 1839, 1842 and 1844.

On 3 December 1841 Nehemiah Skidmore of Pittsford, New York, purchased 40 acres in Wayne County, Michigan, from Aaron C. Wheeler and Mary and Joseph Colt of Pittsford. This land was in the SW quarter of the NE quarter of Section 25, Township 1, Range 9 East. He moved his family to Litchfield, Hillsdale County, Michigan, in 1845. He sold his land in Wayne County on 14 March 1843 to his son George M. Skidmore, and neither man seems to have ever settled there.

His widow was living in 1850 at Litchfield with her daughter Mary Foote.

Children:

i. Mary S., born 29 May 1813. She married Ebenezer Barnard Foote (1805-1890) on 10 March 1836 at Batavia, Genesee County, New York; she is called "of Brighton." They moved to Michigan in 1844. She died at Litchfield, Hillsdale County, Michigan, on 2 August 1900, aged 87 years, 2 months, 4 days. They are buried in the Todd Town Cemetery.

388. ii. Abel Ferris, born 1820.

iii. George M., born 1825-30. Youngest child; he died aged 24 unmarried.

211. SHERMAN[7] SKIDMORE, was born 4 May 1788 at Newtown, Fairfield County, Connecticut, the son of Elnathan (no. 88) and Eunice (Weakely) Skidmore. He died 16 April 1849 at Bowne, Kent County, Michigan. He married Catherine McCall; she was born 8 July 1795 and died 10 February 1880 aged 84 years, 7 months, 2 days.

He had removed by 1815 to Butternuts, Otsego County, New York. In 1819 Sherman and Catherine Skidmore of Butternuts sold to Nehemiah Skidmore, his brother, 113 acres of land at Butternuts subject to a mortgage of $200.00 owed to James Blackman. Nehemiah Skidmore was still living at Newtown in this year, according to the deed. He is enumerated in the 1820 census at Pittsfield, Otsego County, and may have moved by 1828 to Livingston County, New York. In the 1830 and 1840 census he is found at

Alexander, Genesee 1849 aged 60 years, 11 months, 2 days.

A portrait of David M. Skidmore and a brief history of this family will be found in Chapman's History of Kent County, Michigan, page 600.

Children:

i. Lucy, born 27 September 1817. She married Daniel C. McVean on 16 March 1840 in Genesee County, New York. They lived at Alto, Kent County, Michigan, where she died 18 February 1904.

ii. Mary Lois, born 11 February 1820. She married Shelby Reed and lived at Rochester, Monroe County, New York. She died 3 December 1893.

iii. Clarissa M., born 26 July 1823. She married Coffman Kurtz on 18 June 1846, at Batavia, Genesee County, New York; she is called "of Alexander." They lived at Painesville, Lake County, Ohio. She died 11 August 1914.

iv. Catherine, born 23 December 1825. She married Charles McVean and remained in New York state. She died 11 October 1879.

v. Lieutenant David M., born 1 May 1828, in Livingston County, New York. He married Sarah Phidelia Stone (1837-1924) on 21 November 1861. He was mustered in as a Lieutenant on 13 February 1864 in Company F, Michigan Engineers and Mechanics, and was with Sherman on his March to the sea. Discharged 1 October 1865. Postmaster at Alto, Kent County, Michigan, and a Mason. He died 14 July 1891. His widow "Fidelia" was living in Kent County in 1910.

vi. Helen M., born 15 August 1830. She married David Richardson and lived at Cambridge, Suffolk County, Massachusetts. Died 23 June 1911.

vii. Margaret E., born 1 August 1834. She married Wilson Parker and lived at Lowell, Kent County, and Vermontville, Eaton County, Michigan.

212. WILLIAM BURTIS[7] SKIDMORE, was born in 1791 in New York City, the son of Lemuel (no.89) and Ann (Burtis) Skidmore. He died at his home at 36 Clinton Place in New York City on 22 March 1876, aged 85. He married (1) Ann Maria, the daughter of Thomas and Edith (Bunce) Carpenter; she was born 1 February 1796 and died 29 June 1817. They were married on 30 October 1813 at New York City. He married (2) Harriet Ann, the daughter of Dr. Thomas E. Bond (the editor of the Christian Advocate) on 12 March 1842 at New York City. She was born in 1812 in Harford County, Maryland, and died in 1904 at New York City. They are buried in the Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn.

He is first noticed in the New York City directories in 1811 as a partner in L. & W. Skidmore, dry goods merchants, at 9 Maiden Alley. He

retired from business in 1850. He was an active layman in the Methodist church, and was Treasurer of the Missionary & Bible Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church in America in May 1820. He was elected a director of the New York & Erie R. R. Company in November 1845.

In addition to the children listed below there were two by his first wife both of whom died in infancy.

Children: (Second wife)

i. Lemuel, born 25 August 1843. Admitted to the bar in 1864 he practiced law in New York City for 50 years. He married Mary Johnson on 24 November 1888 in New York City. He died 23 July 1921 at his home at 16 Hillside Avenue, Summit, Union County, New Jersey. Buried Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn.

ii. Thomas Bond, born 26 February 1845, died 15 March 1846 an infant at 476 Houston Street.

iii. William Bond, born 17 November 1847, died 31 January 1848 an infant.

iv. William Bond, born 9 April 1850. He married Julia Cobb. An attorney in New York City he retired in poor health to Morristown, Morris County, New Jersey, in 1876. He was steward of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Morristown in 1881. President of the Morristown Field Club, and on the board of directors of the Morristown Trust Company and the First National Bank. He died at his home on South Street, Morristown, on 1 March 1905, aged 55.

213. BURTIS[7] SKIDMORE, was born 19 April 1799 at New York City, the son of Lemuel (no. 89) and Ann (Burtis) Skidmore. He died on 1 November 1860 at his home at 93 Clinton Place, New York City, aged 61 years, 6 months, 13 days. He married Eliza A. Wright on 24 December 1825 at New York; she was born 19 December 1799 and died 6 March 1859. They are buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn.

He was Librarian of the New York Society Library on Nassau Street from 1824 to 1848. With his bachelor brother Robert he was a partner in R. & B. Skidmore, dry goods merchants, at 448 Pearl Street in 1823 and thereafter. In 1846 they became coal merchants, and they acquired considerable fortunes for the day. At his death Burtis left an estate of $500,000.00.

Children:

i. James Webb, born July 1828. He died 24 July 1832 at 77 Provost Street, in childhood. Buried St. Luke's.

ii. Maria L., born 6 October 1833. She married Simon Comacho on 24 September 1856. He was minister from Venezuela to the

United States.

iii. William Lemuel, born 6 May 1835. He married Helen A. Beadleston (1838-1907) on 28 September 1879. Educated at the grammar school of Columbia College on Murray Street. In 1860 he was detailed by the Governor of New York to greet the Prince of Wales (later Edward VII) when he visited New York City. He was President of the Columbia Bank and died at his home at 39 West 52nd Street on 29 October 1916.

214. ROBERT C.[7] SKIDMORE, was born in New York City in 1803, the son of Lemuel (no. 89) and Anne (Burtis) Skidmore. He died at the same place before 9 July 1857 (the date of probate).

Robert C. Skidmore never married and made his home with his brother Burtis; in the 1850 census they are living at 341 Washington Street and Robert C. is aged 50. He is first found in the New York City directories in 1818 and continues as a dry goods merchant until 1845. In 1846 he and his brother became coal merchants. He is last found as a "late" coal merchant in the directory of 1855 at 93 Clinton Place.

215. WHEELER[7] SKIDMORE, was born in 1786 at Newtown, Connecticut, the son of Amos (no. 90) and Esther B. (Blackman) Skidmore, and died at Brookfield, Connecticut on 21 July 1863 aged 77. He married (1) _____ Lake, who was born in 1788 and died in December 1809, and (2) her sister, Lucy Lake, born in 1790 and died 17 June 1859 aged 69 of palsy. They are all buried at the Land's End Cemetery at Newtown.

Wheeler Skidmore was a farmer at Obtuse in Brookfield. In 1808 his father deeded him a house and 14 acres of land there a few rods north of the home of Rufus Skidmore. His house faced west and was two stories high in the front with a long slanting roof which came within a few feet of the ground at the rear. A garden was between the front of the house and the Obtuse highway.

He held several town offices during a long life and served on the School Committee at Newtown.

Children: (First wife)

389. i. Burtis, born 1807.

(Second wife)

ii. Betsy A., born 21 September 1811. She married Isaac Banks Scudder (1809-1842) on 28 October 1832. She was living with her parents, a widow, in 1850. She died 13 January 1878 at Rochester, Monroe County, New York, at the home of her eldest daughter.

390. iii. Starr, born 1818.

216. RUFUS[7] SKIDMORE, born in 1795 at Newtown, Fairfield County, Connecticut, the son of Amos (no. 90) and Esther H. (Blackman) Skidmore, died at Brookfield Center on 5 September 1875 aged 80. He married (1) Esther M. Terrill, born in 1794 and died 6 April 1824 aged 29 years, 8 months, and (2) Maria Clarke, previously the widow of Harry P. Hawley, on 16 April 1829; she was born 1801 and died 18 May 1874 aged 73. They are buried in the Land's End Cemetery, Newtown.

In 1821 Amos Skidmore, his father, deeded him a house and 28 acres of land at Obtuse in Brookfield. It was on the east side of the Obtuse highway near the Newtown line.

Children: (First wife)

i. Eliza, born 29 August 1819. She married Alfred Walker (1818- 1886) and lived at Ossining, Westchester County, New York. She died there 12 August 1877.

(Second wife)

ii. Esther Maria, born 1 January 1831. She married Henry B. Hawley (1826-1894) on 31 May 1854. They lived at Brookfield Center. She died 4 April 1914 and is buried in the Wooster Cemetery at Danbury, Connecticut. [They were the parents of Emily C. Hawley (1855-1937) who wrote the Skidmore genealogy published in 1911.]

iii. William Henry, born 29 March 1835. He married Julia G. Williams (1837-1917) on 17 October 1865. He was a farmer at Brookfield, but lived for a time at Ossining, New York, and at Denver, Denver County, Colorado. He died 23 February 1875 aged 38 years, 10 months and is buried at Newtown.

217. JOHN WOOSTER[7] SKIDMORE, was born 28 July 1793, a twin, in Canada, the son of Elias (no. 91) and Mary (Reed) Skidmore. He was living as late as 1860 in Clinton County, Illinois, and was doubtless dead in 1870. He married (1) Sarah Ann, the daughter of John Foss formerly of Baltimore, Maryland, on 16 May 1822 at Edwardsville, Madison County, Illinois. She was the mother of all his children. He married (2) Ida V., the daughter of Rebecca Bergen, on 20 June 1838 in Schuyler County, Illinois. She was previously the widow of James G. Kenner who had married her on 25 September 1828 in Morgan County, Illinois. (At the time of her first marriage her brother George Bergen gave a deposition in Morgan County that their mother Rebecca had gone on a visit to New Jersey but before she left she had given permission for her daughter to marry Kenner.) She was born in 1812 in New Jersey and was living in 1870 and 1880 with her son John S. Kenner at Chillicothe, Peoria County,

Illinois. In 1883 Mrs. John Skidmore of Chillicothe was given a legacy of $500.00 in the will of Stephen Gregg Skidmore of Portland, Oregon.

John Wooster Skidmore spent his boyhood in New York City and went to Edwardsville, Madison County, Illinois, in 1820 where he opened a general store in partnership with Sampson Willard. In the year following he moved to Carrollton, Greene County, Illinois, where he became the first postmaster in 1822. His store there was on the north end of the east side of the square and he was the first dry goods merchant in that place. His store is said to have been stocked with inferior goods, including an assortment of pure liquors, but the necessities of the people in the county forced them to buy. John W. Skidmore is remembered there as an active, restless little man who was everywhere, knew everyone, and was always in a hurry. He was commissioned Recorder of Greene County on 28 September 1830 and was a candidate for Constable on 1 August 1831. He owned several lots in Carrollton, as well as other land in Greene County.

He is enumerated at Edwardsville in Madison County in the 1840 census, but had moved to the city of St. Louis, Missouri, by 1845. In the 1845 directory of that city he is listed as a proprietor of a livery stable on the east side of Third Street, north of Vine. In 1847 his stable was at 131 N. Third, and his home was at 46 St. Charles. He went back to Illinois soon after (he is missing from the St. Louis directories from 1848 to 1852) and in 1850 he is enumerated in the 1850 census in Peoria County, Illinois.

In 1853 he was back in St. Louis running a livery stable on St. Charles Street between Third and Fourth Streets. In 1854 his son Joseph P. Skidmore had joined him in the business; he is listed as a foreman at the stable. Both father and son are living on the southeast corner of Ninth and Pine Streets. In 1857 they are missing again, and in 1860 John W. Skidmore, his wife Ida, his grandson John and a niece Martha Skidmore are enumerated in Clinton County, Illinois.

In an agricultural census of Clinton County, Illinois, taken in 1860 John W. Skidmore is listed as owning 320 acres of improved land, 80 acres of unimproved land, worth $10,000.00 and farm equipment worth $650.00. No probate has been found on his estate.

Children:

i. Joseph P., born 1825. He was living with his father in the 1850 census of Peoria County, Illinois, and in 1854 was a foreman at his father's livery stable in St. Louis.

389. ii. Andrew Bolivar, born 1829.

iii. Mary Ann, born 1834. Living at home in 1850.

iv. Sarah Ann, born 1836. She died 27 November 1852 at Carlyle, Clinton County, Illinois, aged 16. Buried Carlyle City Cemetery. She is called "of Chillicothe" at her death.

218. ANDREW REED[7] SKIDMORE, was born in New York City on 22 January 1804 or 1805 (both dates are given) the son of Elias (no. 91) and Mary (Reed) Skidmore, and is said to have died in 1860 in Los Angeles, California. He married (1) on 2 August 1829 at Edwardsville, Madison County, Illinois, Frances M., the daughter of Joshua and Rebecca (Walker) Atwater she was born 6 September 1813. He married (2) on 22 March 1837 at New York City, Sarah Ann, the daughter of the late George Slater of that place. He is called "a merchant of Edwardsville, Illinois" in an account of his second marriage in the The New York Evening Post. She was born in 1816 in England, and died 29 October 1862 in Portland, Oregon, of typhoid fever, aged 46. She is buried in the Riverview Cemetery, Portland, and was the mother of all his children.

Andrew Reed Skidmore had joined his brother in Illinois as a young man, but he returned at least once to New York City in 1837 (where he probably had sisters living) to take a second wife. In partnership with Joshua Atwater, his father-in-law, he opened a dry goods store at Edwardsville, Madison County, Illinois, by 1833 known as A. R. Skidmore & Co. Atwater retired from the firm in 1837. In 1838 he moved to Alton in the same county where he subsequently failed in business. In the issue of 23 November 1839 of the Illinois State Register A. R. Skidmore ran an advertisement to buy hogs: "he will pay for hogs weighing from 175 to 200 lbs., $2.50 nett; from 200 to 300 lbs., $3.00." He was one of the incorporators of the Edwardsville Steam Mill Company in 1839.

He left Peoria for the Oregon Territory early in 1850 taking with him his wife and his son Stephen. They traveled overland and had arrived safely at Portland in time to be enumerated in the 1850 census. His daughters remained behind in Illinois; in 1850 Mary Skidmore, aged 5, was living with Orange W. Young, a merchant, in Peoria. She followed by sea in 1852, a passenger on the Witch of the Wave which arrived in San Francisco from Boston on 19 October 1852 after a voyage of 116 days. Martha Skidmore was still living with her uncle John W. Skidmore in 1860 in Clinton County, Illinois, and does not appear ever to have joined her family in Oregon she was living in Kansas in 1883.

Andrew Reed Skidmore settled at Portland where he ran a hotel. He had other interests as well, and signed a petition for Olympia to be the seat of Thurston County in Washington Territory where he took up land claims. He was also a petitioner for a railroad at Portland.

His end is obscure. John Barleycorn is said to have gotten the better of him and he is reputed to have died in Los Angeles, far from his family, in 1860. He was presumably dead before the 1860 census was taken.

His son Stephen Gregg Skidmore should be noticed here. His name became one of the best known in Portland -- a street, a terrace, a court, and a

fountain are all named for him. He was born in Alton, Madison County, Illinois, on 28 December 1838 and went with his father overland to Oregon when he was 12. At 13 he became a shop boy in a jewelry store and a carrier for the The Oregonian. He was an apprentice in a drugstore at the age of 19 which became his occupation. He built the Skidmore Building at 29 1st Avenue. He was devoted to Portland and worked for railroad development, a public library, and other civic improvements. His health failed and he went to San Rafael, California, where he died 18 June 1883. His estate was estimated to be upwards of $150,000.00, and he left sizable bequests to his sisters Mary Preston of Vancouver and Martha L. Conner of Larned, Kansas. Mrs. John Skidmore, his aunt of Chillicothe, Illinois, was also remembered. He also left money for the Skidmore Fountain in Portland, and for a public library. He was buried in the Riverview Cemetery in that city near his mother.

For more information on Andrew Reed Skidmore and his family see Skidmore's Portland: His Fountain & its Sculptor by Eugene E. Snyder published by Binfords & Mort (1973).

Children:

i. Stephen Gregg (Griggs), born 28 December 1838. Noticed above, he died 18 June 1883 at San Rafael, Marin County, California.
ii. Mary A., born 1841. She married Benjamin F. Preston on 13 January 1860 at Portland. She was living in 1883 at Vancouver, Clark County, Washington.
iii. Martha Louise, born 1846. She married James Connor and was living in 1883 at Larned, Pawnee County, Kansas.
iv. Ida M., born 18 December 1847. She married Charles E. Sitton (1848-1892) in September 1872 at the First Congregational Church, Portland. He was a business partner of Stephen G. Skidmore. She died at Portland 22 November 1873 aged 25 and is buried in Riverview Cemetery. He married (2) Lefie W. Spaulding.
v. Charles, born July 1851. Never married, he died in 1882 aged 31.

219. HONORABLE DANIEL[7] SKIDMORE, was born in 1780 at Newtown, Fairfield County, Connecticut, the son of Abel (no. 92) and Bethia (Glover) Skidmore, and died at the same place on 2 November 1858, aged 78 or 79. He is buried in the Taunton Cemetery there. He was married three times: (1) to Sarah Dunning, born 1782, on 27 November 1800 at Bethlehem, Connecticut; she died there on 31 December 1811 aged 29. He married (2) Marjory Blackman, born 1779; she died 19 May 1853 aged 74 at Newtown and is buried in the Taunton Cemetery there beside her husband, and (3) Sarah Ann Dibble, born 1814; she died 14 June 1863 aged 49, a widow.

Daniel Skidmore is enumerated in the 1810 census at Bethlehem, but had

returned by 1817 to Newtown where he lived at what was later the Edwin Camp place at Taunton. He took the Freeman's Oath at Newtown in 1817.

Daniel Skidmore was a member of the Trinity Episcopal Church at Newtown in 1832, and represented the town at the General Assembly in 1836. He subscribed $25.00 in 1837 at the founding of the Newtown Academy. He was a subscriber in 1845 to a fund to repair the Presbyterian Meeting House at Newtown.

Daniel Skidmore was overlooked in the 1850 census apparently. He is said to have had two children by his second wife.

Children: (First wife)

i. Emma, born 1801. She married (1) Ira Hall in September 1820, and settled immediately at Armenia, Dutchess County, New York. They were living in 1836 at Poughkeepsie. She married (2) John P. Lowe and they were living in 1860 at Jamesville, Onondaga County, New York. He was a millwright.

ii. Ruth Minerva, born 15 September 1802. She died at Bethlehem on 14 June 1814 aged 11 (tombstone). [The town vital records give the death of Alma Skidmore on the same date, age 13.]

iii. Reuben Dunning, born 8 February 1806. He died 10 March 1825 at Newtown, buried Taunton Cemetery.

iv. Abel, born 1810. He died 19 February 1816 aged 6 at Bethlehem.

(Second wife)

v. Josiah B., born 7 November 1814. Died an infant 25 November 1814 at Bethlehem.

vi. Lauren, born 13 July 1821. He died 1 September 1845 aged 24 years, 1 month, 18 days. Buried Taunton Cemetery.

(Third wife)

vii. Lauren R., born 4 July 1854. He married Ella Louise Northrop (1856-1924) on 9 November 1876. He was a farmer at Newtown and left no issue. He died in 1925 and is buried in the Village Cemetery at Newtown.

viii. Sarah Ann, born 11 August 1858. She died unmarried 1 November 1904 and is buried in Land's End Cemetery at Newtown.

220. GLOVER[7] SKIDMORE, was born in 1782 at Newtown, Fairfield County, Connecticut, the son of Abel (no. 92) and Bethia (Glover) Skidmore, and died at the same place on 19 January 1861, aged 78. He married (1) Sarah Blackman on 23 June 1802 at Bethlehem, Litchfield County, Connecticut; she was born in 1783 and died 27 June 1853 aged 70; and (2)

to another Sarah _____, who was born in 1792 and died 6 June 1860 of heart disease. He and both of his wives are buried in the Land's End Cemetery at Newtown.

He went (with his brother Daniel) for a time to Bethlehem, Connecticut, but was also back in Newtown in 1817 when he took the Freeman's Oath. He is enumerated there in the 1820 and subsequent censuses. In 1862 the heirs of Glover Skidmore sold about 50 acres of land near Hawleyville to Robert A. Clark.

Children:

i. Fanny, born 14 October 1804. She died, an infant, on 23 January 1805 at Bethlehem.

390 ii. John Russell, born 6 May 1806.

iii. Caroline, born 1812. She married Ammon Booth Blackman (1802-1858) on 10 February 1846. They lived at Brookfield, Fairfield County. She died 3 June 1850, he married (2) Eliza Weed Sherman.

221. ZERAH[7] SKIDMORE, was born 15 January 1783 at Newtown, Fairfield County, Connecticut, the son of Abel (no. 92) and Bethia (Glover) Skidmore. He died at Bethlehem, Litchfield County, Connecticut, on 15 December 1871 aged 87 or 88. He married (1) Bernice, the daughter of Jabez and Lucy Hitchcock (Blackman) Hurd; she was born in 1787 and died 29 May 1850 at Bethlehem aged 63. He married (2) on 4 June 1851 Catherine Crane, who was previously the widow of John Kasson. She was born in 1806.

Zerah Skidmore moved in 1805 to Bethlehem, Connecticut, with his brothers Daniel and Glover, but remained there after they returned to Newtown. He purchased a farm of 40 or 50 acres and later another in the center of town. He was fond of arguments on religion, and a close student of the Bible. He and his wife were active in the Episcopalian Church.

His widow Catherine Skidmore, aged 75, was living in the 1880 census at Bethlehem, Litchfield County, Connecticut.

Children: (First wife)

391. i. Homer, born 23 March 1807.

ii. Julia Hester, born 9 August 1810. She married Roswell A. Morse (1807-1897) on 28 October 1828. They lived at Unadilla, Otsego County, New York. She was living in 1899.

iii. Wealthy, born 1813. She married Lucious Shelton (1818-1882). They lived at Bethlehem where she died 13 February 1887.

392. iv. Philo Hurd, born 1 October 1817.

222. JOHN[7] SKIDMORE, was born 4 November 1793 at Newtown, Fairfield County, Connecticut, the son of Abel (no. 92) and Bethia (Clover) Skidmore. He died 25 May 1858 at Bridgewater, Litchfield County, Connecticut. He was married three times: (1) to Molly, the daughter of Joseph Bennett and Anne (Botsford) Wheeler; she was born 31 December 1793 and died 20 May 1826 aged 31 at Newtown. He married (2) Sarah Crofutt "of Danbury" on 27 March 1827 at Danbury, Fairfield County, she was born in 1806 and died 20 December 1832 aged 26 at Newtown, and (3) Betsy Church (previously the widow of Howell Merriman) on 22 October 1833 at Bethlehem, Litchfield County, Connecticut; she was born 30 April 1801 at Wolcottsville, and died 7 March 1889 at Brookfield, aged 87. She was blind for several years before her death and made her home with her Thornhill son-in-law.

John Skidmore took the Freeman's Oath at Newtown in 1817. He was a member of the Trinity Episcopal Church at Newtown in 1832 and lived later in the Lake George District. He moved later to Bridgewater where he lived in the Hop Brook area.

Children: (First wife)

i. Harriet, born 1814. She married James H. Keeler (1807-1896) of Bridgewater. She died there 19 October 1882 aged 68.

ii. Annah M., born 1818. She married David Harvey Mallett (1816-1860). She died 10 May 1875 aged 51 at Bridgewater, buried Center Cemetery.

iii. Charlotte born 1825. She married George W. Eliott (1828-1908) on 20 November 1849 at her father's house at Bridgewater. She died in 1909 at Woodbury, Connecticut.

(Third Wife)

iv. Elizabeth Merriman, born 3 December 1834. She married Samuel Thornhill (1834-1890) on 10 September 1856. They lived at Brookfield, Connecticut, where she died 10 February 1897.

v. Captain John Romulus, born 24 July 1837. He enlisted 14 October 1861 in Company B, 1st Regiment Connecticut Volunteer Cavalry. Captured 8 May 1862 at McDowell, Highland County, Virginia, released 14 September 1862, and discharged 2 August 1865. He married Katherine Tracy (1849-1918) on 20 February 1867; she was born in Canada. They were living on Filmore Street in Chicago, Cook County, in 1880. The appear to have separated before 1900; she died in Chicago, and he died at San Diego, San Diego County, California on 4 October 1929. He treated his family rather badly and never wrote his aged mother who spent her old age wondering what had become of "poor Romulus." [The only son of John R.

Skidmore was William R. ("Billy") Skidmore born in June 1877 in Chicago. He was a ward heeler, bondsman, saloon keeper, and "court fixer" for the gambling interests in Chicago operating under the protection of Al Capone. He died 19 February 1944 in the Federal Penitentiary at Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana.]

223. JAMES BENNETT[7] SKIDMORE, was born at Newtown, Fairfield County, Connecticut, in 1796, the son of Abel (no. 92) and Bethia (Glover) Skidmore, and died at Bethlehem, Litchfield County, Connecticut, on 31 March 1885. He married (1) Eliza, the daughter of Dr. Kellogg Berry, on 19 December 1820 at Sharon, Litchfield County, Connecticut; she was born 23 March 1796 at Kent, Litchfield County, Connecticut, and died 8 October 1852 at Bethlehem aged 54. She was the mother of his three children. He married (2) Lucy L. Bliss (previously the wife of Samuel F. Peck) on 22 August 1853 at Woodbury, Litchfield County, Connecticut; she was born in 1810 and died 29 December 1891 at Bethlehem aged 82.

James B. Skidmore was drafted at Newtown in the War of 1812, serving from 24 October to 15 November 1814 in the Company of Captain Arnold Foot. He was discharged at New London, Connecticut. He applied for a pension on 3 April 1878 at Bethlehem stating that he had lived for about 15 years after his discharge at Newtown and since that date at Bethlehem Connecticut. He had applied for bounty land under the act of 1855 and had secured a grant of first 40 acres and then 120 acres. His widow also applied on 16 May 1885.

He is enumerated in every census from 1850 to 1880 at Bethlehem Litchfield County.

Children

i. Lucy B., born 1822. She married Allen Smith (1820-1890) on 17 November 1842 at Bethlehem. She died 9 July 1879 and is buried in the New Cemetery, Bethlehem.

ii. George D., born February 1828. He married Cornelia A. Bennett (1828-1902) the marriage being noticed in the New Haven Palladium for 10 December 1853. He died 4 November 1901 aged 74 at Oxford, New Haven County, Connecticut, and is buried in the Quaker Farms Cemetery there.

iii. James H., born 29 July 1832. He married Jane C. Bennett (1835-1905), a sister of the wife of his brother, on 7 May 1856 at Bethlehem. He died at Woodbury, Litchfield County, on 15 February 1916, a retired farmer.

224. ABEL BOOTH[7] SKIDMORE, was born in 1805 at Newtown, Fairfield County, Connecticut, the son of Abel (no. 92) and Bethia (Glover) Skidmore, and died at the same place on 12 November 1849 age 44 "of

fits." He married Lucy Conroy Berry (a sister of the wife of his brother James B. Skidmore); she was born 12 October 1804 at Kent, Litchfield County, Connecticut. They were married on 5 November 1828 at Sharon, Litchfield County, Connecticut. He is buried in the Land's End Cemetery, Newton.

He took the Freeman's Oath at Newtown in 1829, and subscribed $25.00 toward the founding of Newtown Academy in 1837. He was a comb manufacturer.

Children:

i. Theodore S., born 1829. He married Josephine E. _____, and lived in New York City where he kept a restaurant. He served as 3rd Sergeant in Captain Silas D. Baldwin's company of the 4th Regiment of Light Artillery in the Mexican War mustered 19 October 1847. He died in New York City at 101 Sixth Avenue, on 5 March 1862, and is buried in the Berkshire Cemetery at Newtown. His widow married (2) Fred J. Sanford; they were living (with her two Skidmore sons) at Oyster Bay, Nassau County, Long Island, in 1870. She had $75,000.00 in real estate and $8,000.00 in personal property in 1870.

ii. Mary Jane, born 13 August 1831, died an infant on 3 December 1832 aged 1 year, 3 months, 21 days. Buried in the Village Cemetery, Newtown.

iii. Mary C., born 1834. She married Charles A. Sherman of Newtown. She died 10 March 1859 aged 24 and is buried in the Village Cemetery, Newtown.

225. CHARLES[7] SKIDMORE, was born 14 August 1808 at Newtown, Fairfield County, Connecticut, the son of Abel (no. 92) and Bethia (Glover) Skidmore, and died at the same place on 27 March 1896, aged 87 years, 7 months. He married Mary, the daughter of Jonathan Fairchild on 16 October 1833; she was born 27 January 1816 and died 29 December 1893. They are buried in Land's End Cemetery, Newtown.

Charles Skidmore took the Freeman's Oath at Newtown in 1832. He lived at Lake George in Newtown (then an active business center) where he operated a grist, cider, and saw mill. Later he went into partnership with James Blackman in the firm of Skidmore and Blackman, comb manufacturers. In 1852 the firm was located about four miles north of Newtown village on the road to Brookfield. He was a Selectman for Newtown in 1849.

He was the last survivor among the children of Abel Skidmore, and left no issue.

226. ELIJAH[7] SKIDMORE, was born on 22 January 1792 at Newtown, Fairfield County, Connecticut, the son of Amon (no. 93) and Naomi (Terrill) Skidmore, and died at Hamilton, Madison County, New York, on 29 January 1892 aged 100 years and 7 days. He is buried in the Randallsville Cemetery, at Lebanon, Madison County, New York. He married Sarah (Sally) Swan; she was born in 1798 at Ellenville, Ulster County, New York.

Elijah Skidmore grew to adulthood in Wawarsing Township in Ulster County, New York, moving with his father by 1820 to Cayuga County where Elijah is first noticed as the head of a family in 1820 in Scipio Township. In 1830 and in 1850 he is enumerated in Fleming Township, Cayuga County, New York, but in 1840 he was living in Sennet Township in the same county.

He owned 65 acres of land at Fleming in Lot 81 about 3 1/2 miles from Auburn, New York. These 65 acres are known by the name of "The Hemlocks" and in 1904 were owned by E. G. Van Liew. His daughter Julia A. Skidmore and her husband had moved by 1850 to Lebanon Madison County, New York, and Elijah joined them there by 1860. He and his wife and a part of their children and grandchildren were enumerated in Lebanon in 1860.

Elijah Skidmore, 1792-1892, is buried in the Baker plot in the Randallsville Cemetery. Also on the same marker on the plot is Mary A. Buell, 1818-1847, who is not identified, but who is more likely to have been related to Solomon Baker than to his wife. There was no probate on his estate.

Children:

i. Julia A., born 23 September 1817 at Fleming, New York. She married Solomon Baker (1814-1891). She died 7 June 1912 at Hamilton, Madison County, New York, aged 94 years, 8 months, 14 days, a widow. She is buried in the Randallsville (Woodlawn) Cemetery, beside her husband and father.

ii. Elias, born 1819. He was living at home in 1850, a clerk.

iii. Abel, born 9 June 1823. He married Lucy A. _____ (born 1836) about 1853. He was a cheese manufacturer at Lebanon in 1868. His widow was living in 1900 at 137 Rodney Street, Brooklyn, Kings County, New York, with her daughter Nellie O. Skidmore, wife of Milton F. Negus.

iv. Converse, born 3 July 1825. He married Phila Fillmore Bierce (1825-1899). He was a "general dealer" and farmed 35 acres at Lebanon in 1868. He died 14 March 1883 aged 58 and is buried in the Lebanon Village Cemetery.

v. Martha J., born 1830. Living at home unmarried in 1850.

227. HARMON[7] SKIDMORE, was born in 1796 the son of Amon (no. 93) and

Naomi (Terrill) Skidmore. He died 6 September 1829 at Perry Village, Wyoming County, New York, aged 33. He married Mary Smith on 13 August 1818; she was born in 1800 and married (2) Moseley Stoddard of Castile, New York. She was living in 1886 at Flint, Genesee County, Michigan.

Harmon Skidmore was a hatter in the firm of Skidmore & Howard in Perry at the time of his death according to a brief obituary in The Argus of 25 September 1829.

Children:

i. Mary Ann, born 9 October 1819. Died an infant on 13 June 1821.

ii. Mary Ann, born 2 April 1824. She married (1) Harry Brown on 15 March 1843, and (2) Colonel Hiram Redfield (1800-1852) on 28 November 1848. They lived at Rochester, Monroe County, New York, and New York City. He was a colonel in the militia and a real estate broker.

iii. Benjamin F., born 20 April 1827. He married Malinda _____; she was born in March 1833 in Tennessee. He had moved by 1850 to St. Louis, Missouri, where he was a printer on the Intelligencer, and by 1858 to New Orleans, Louisiana, where he worked for the Delta newspaper. He remained in New Orleans, Orleans Parish, and was living in 1900 at 2255 Dryades Street. He died there 10 May 1912.

iv. Julia, born 13 May 1829. She married Captain Martin Luther Willey (1826-1901) on 21 June 1848 at Castile, Wyoming County, New York. They removed to Flint, Genesee County, Michigan. She lived later in Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia, and died at the home of a daughter on 2 April 1918 at Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio.

228. JAMES[7] SKIDMORE, the son of Amon (no. 93) and Naomi (Terrill) Skidmore was born 9 March 1798 at Wawarsing, Ulster County, New York, and died 23 November 1886 at Troy, Oakland County, Michigan. He married about 1823, Philanda, the daughter of Clark Beach; she was born 3 December 1800 at Fleming, Cayuga County, New York, and died 22 March 1873 at Troy, Michigan. They are buried there in the Beach Road Cemetery.

He went to Michigan in 1822 and took up land at Troy in the northwest quarter of Section 7. After locating his land he returned to his former home in New York to claim his bride. They came to Detroit by boat and after a rough journey secured a yoke of oxen and set out for Troy. The roads were almost impassable; they often had to ford streams and his bride was afraid to ride across on top of their household goods. James Skidmore would carry her across on his back and having put her in a safe place then go back and drive the oxen through. He built a humble cabin on his land, and some months after they had become established they went away to visit friends. When they returned home they found nothing but

ashes; everything they owned had burned to the ground. Their neighbors, learning of their misfortune, made a "bee" and built them a new cabin and gave them a new start at keeping house.

Converse W. Skidmore and another brother came out to Michigan with James and his bride in 1823, but they returned to New York.

He acquired 80 acres in Section 12 of Bloomfield Township, Oakland County, on 7 December 1831 and was one of the petitioners in 1832 for a road from Fort Gratiot to the mouth of the Grand River.

On 1 August 1864 Philanda Skidmore, of Troy, Oakland County, Michigan, returned a deed to Rochester, New York, as one of the nine heirs of Bunell Beach, late of Auburn, Cayuga County, New York.

Children:

i. Clark, born 1827. He died in 1840, buried Beach Road Cemetery.
ii. Elizabeth J., born August 1829. She was living unmarried in 1900 at 95 Perry Street, Pontiac, Oakland County, Michigan. She died in 1911, buried Beach Road Cemetery.
iii. James, born 1831. He died an infant in 1832, buried Beach Road Cemetery.
iv. Angeline (Ann), born June 1834. She married Calvin L. Smith on 3 April 1877. She was living, a widow, with her sister Elizabeth in 1900. She died in 1919, buried in Beach Road Cemetery.
v. Harvey B., born September 1835. He married Melinda Anderson on 28 November 1877. He was living at 25 Wayne Avenue, Pontiac Michigan, in 1900. He died in 1903, buried in Beach Road Cemetery.

229. CONVERSE W.[7] SKIDMORE, was born 24 June 1800 at Wawarsing, Ulster County, New York, the son of Amon (no. 93) and Naomi (Terrill) Skidmore. He was living in 1870 at Reedsburg, Sauk County, Wisconsin.

Converse Skidmore went to Michigan in 1823 with his brothers and acquired 80 acres in Section 35 of West Bloomfield Township, Oakland County, Michigan, by a Federal land grant of 4 July 1826. He had returned by 1830 to New York where he was enumerated in Sullivan Township in Madison County. In 1850 he was living at Fleming, Cayuga County, New York, aged 50, and head of a household that included his sister Naomi and his nephew Harmon Skidmore. He owned $3600.00 in real property.

C. W. Skidmore was living alone in 1860 in Ironton Township, Sauk County, Wisconsin; his sisters Amanda and Harriet and their husbands were also at Reedsburg in the same county by 1860. In 1870 he was a

farmer at Reedsburg aged 74 (an overstatement) living with William N. Carver, his nephew. The Oakwood Cemetery Association was formed in Ironton Township on 13 May 1859, and C. Skidmore was the first president. It seems likely that he was buried there, but the graves have long since been plowed over.

Converse Skidmore was a bachelor. No probate has been found for him his heirs would have been his brothers and sisters or their children.

230. JOHN[7] SKIDMORE, was born in 1808 at Rochester, Monroe County New York, the son of Amon (no. 93) and Naomi (Terrill) Skidmore. He died 7 December 1876 at Ithaca, Tompkins County, New York. He married Electa, the daughter of Solomon and Virtue (Record) Kelsey; she was born 25 November 1810 at Smyrna, Chenango County, New York, and died 17 December 1880 at Utica, Oneida County, New York.

He moved to Perry Village in Wyoming County, New York, about 1829. He was a Deputy Sheriff there in 1850, but had removed for a time to Flint, Genesee County, Michigan, by 1861. The petition for administration in Tompkins County mentions only the widow Electa and a daughter Fannie A. Bostwick as his heirs.

Children

i. John Harmon, born 1835. A banker, he was living in 1860 in the 4th Ward of Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. The Milwaukee Sentinel on 9 February 1856 notes that the new bills of the Marine Bank are a fine job of engraving and that they are signed by J. H. Skidmore, the cashier. He was reelected to that office in the bank on 4 January 1859. He is said to have served in the Civil War and to have died at Atchison, Atchison County, Kansas, before his father leaving no heirs.

ii. Fannie A., born 3 February 1839. She married William Lucas Bostwick (1837-1896) of Enfield, Tompkins County, New York, on 11 September 1861 at St. Paul's Church in Flint, Michigan. She died 21 December at Ithaca, New York.

231. WILLIAM N.[8] SKIDMORE, was born 9 February 1812 in Connecticut (according to census records), the son of Amon (no. 93) and Naomi (Terrill) Skidmore. He died 21 April 1883 at Anna, Shelby County, Ohio. He married Martha Summy (or Summey), who was born 5 April 1813 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and died on 11 May 1869 at Sidney, Shelby County, Ohio. They are both buried in the Graceland Cemetery at Sidney, Shelby County, Ohio. William N. Skidmore died at the home of his daughter Evaline at Anna.

William N. Skidmore studied law in the office of W. H. Seward at Auburn,

Cayuga County, New York. For sometime afterwards he was in the office of the father of Roscoe Conkling. He was later employed by the railroad, and then was a contractor. He moved to Ohio in 1848 engaged in laying the first rails on the Bee Line. He was married in the state of New York by Reverend William Arthur, the father of Chester A. Arthur. The future president was one of his pupils; William N. Skidmore is said to have been his first teacher. He was an active politician in the Democratic Party in Shelby County, and was a fluent teacher, an easy writer, and became the editor and publisher of the local Democrat.

An obituary in the Sidney Journal for 24 April 1883 states that he was survived by two daughters.

Children:

i. Elnora, born in 1840 at Syracuse, Onondaga County, New York. She married Milton Cole (1848-1894) on 20 June 1878 and died, his widow, on 9 April 1910 at Springfield, Clark County, Ohio. He was mayor of Springfield from 1875 to 1879. They are buried in Ferncliff Cemetery in Springfield.

ii. Evaline, born 9 December 1844. She married Thomas C. Leapley on 8 August 1871 at Sidney, Ohio. They lived at Anna, Shelby County, Ohio.

232. PHILO[7] SKIDMORE, was born in 1784 at Sandgate, Bennington County, Vermont, the son of James (no. 94) and Polly (Sherman) Skidmore. He died 11 September 1868 at Castalia, Erie County, Ohio, and is buried there in the Castalia Cemetery. He married (1) Elizabeth Patterson; she was the mother of his children and died at Sandgate. He married (2) Mrs. Sophia Stewart, a widow, who was born in New York in 1806.

Philo Skidmore served as a private in Captain Abijah Curtis' company from New London, New London County, from 3 August 1813 to 16 September 1813. Neither he nor his widow ever applied for a pension.

In 1833 Molly Bennet of Newtown, Connecticut, previously the widow of James Skidmore of Sandgate, Vermont, deeded to her son Philo Skidmore her dwelling house and 1/2 acre of land at Sandgate. In 1866 Sophia Skidmore of Union Village, Washington County, New York, sold this to one Prindle, and in the same year we find that Philo Skidmore deeded the same property to a certain Dixon. (It seems that the Skidmores were estranged at this date.)

Earlier in the 1850 census Philo and Sophia were living at Sandgate with two young girls Eliza and Margaret (aged 8 and 6) who are wrongly dittoed as Skidmore; both were his stepchildren. In the 1860 census Margaret Stewart is still living at home, age 15.

In 1866 Philo Skidmore moved to Ohio to live with his daughter Eloisa

Dwight.

Children:

i. Polly, born ____. She married Lorenzo Beebe on 11 March 1830. They have not been found in the 1850 census in Vermont or elsewhere.

ii. Amy, born 10 June 1809. She married Cyrus Prindle (1806-1869) on 27 August 1827 at Sandgate. She died there on 20 January 1854. The funeral of Amy Prindle was held at West Sandgate on 22 January 1854. "Had prayer at the house and then the services at the School House. Text Ephs. 5v16. At the grave read Litany No. 2" according to the notes of Edward H. Reichel, a Moravian, who presided at the funeral. He married (2) Nancy Knapp, widow of Austin McLenithan.

iii. Eloisa, born 8 November 1812. She married Roswell Dwight (1813-1887) on 4 June 1837 at Avon, Livingston County, New York. They moved in 1838 to Castalia, Erie County, Ohio. She died 11 August 1900 aged 87 years, 9 months, 3 days, and is buried in the Castalia Cemetery at Castalia, Ohio, beside her father and her husband.

233. ZERAH[7] SKIDMORE, was born in 1790 at Sandgate, Bennington County, Vermont, the son of James (no. 94) and Polly (Sherman) Skidmore. He died 26 November 1870 at Portland, Chautauqua County, New York. He married Polly Ann _____ , who was born in 1792 in Vermont, and died 24 March 1871.

Zerah Skidmore was enumerated in 1820 and 1830 at Sandgate, Bennington County, Vermont, and in 1840, 1850 and 1860 he and most of his family are to be found in Portland Township, Chautauqua County, New York. In 1832 his daughter Adeline Flanders and her husband moved from Sandgate to Chautauqua County; in 1836 Abel Skidmore removed from Sandgate to Salem, Washington County, New York.

Children:

i. Caroline, born 1809. She never married and died on 17 September 1839 at Salem, Washington County, New York.

ii. Adeline, born 1810. She married John Benjamin Flanders (1808-1863) in 29 March 1831 at Sandgate, Vermont. They lived at Brocton in Portland Township, Chautauqua County, New York.

395. iii. Abel Burritt, born 2 May 1812.

iv. Emeline, born 1815. She married Rufus Fox. They were living at Salem, Washington County, New York, in 1871.

396. v. James, born January 1820.

vi. A daughter, born 1823. Died young.

vii. Jerusha, born 25 January 1827. She married Abraham Monfore,

Jr., about 1860. They were living in 1871 at Westfield, Chautauqua County, New York.

viii. George H., born 1830. He married Margaret Wood (1830-1906) at Binghamton, Broome County, New York, in 1855 and was living in 1871 at Elmira, Chemung County, New York. George H. Skidmore was for many years an express messenger on the Erie Railroad from Elmira to New York City, and later on the Tioga to Blossomburg and Hoytville. In 1888 he went into the express office on Baldwin Street in Elmira where he remained until compelled to leave by failing health. He and his wife lived for many years at 110 College Street in Elmira where he died on 25 September 1897 aged 67. His wife continued there until 1901 but died at the home of a daughter at Cincinnatus, Cortland County, New York.

ix. Ann Mary, born 1831. She married Horace Brown, and they were living in 1871 in Kankakee County, Illinois.

x. Susanna, born 12 March 1835. She married Wesley Stephens on 13 April 1864 and was living at Columbus, Warren County, Pennsylvania, in 1871. She died 5 April 1897 at Corry, Erie County, Pennsylvania.

xi. Helen M., born 1837. She married Alfred O. Ellis (1835-1885) in 1858. She was living his widow at Portland, Chautauqua County, New York, in 1900.

234. DR. RUFUS[7] SKIDMORE, was born in 1793 at Sandgate, Bennington County, Vermont, the son of James (no. 94) and Polly (Sherman) Skidmore. He married Jerusha, the daughter of Joseph and Abigail (Sherman) Ferris on 6 May 1821; she was born in 1800 and died 11 December 1883, aged 83, years 11 months. He died at the age of 35, and they are buried in the Village and Town Cemetery, at Newtown, Fairfield County, Connecticut.

Dr. Rufus Skidmore graduated from the Vermont Medical College at Castleton, Rutland County, Vermont in 1817. He went soon after to Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky where he formed an acquaintance with Henry Clay in the early period of his political career. When Dr. Skidmore decided to go to Havana, Cuba, to study yellow fever Clay tried to dissuade him, but failing in this gave him a gold ring in parting. (This ring was given later by his daughter Jane A. Burr to the Bridgeport Historical Society where it now remains.) He contracted the disease he went to study, but recovered to return to Newtown, Connecticut, to marry Jerusha Ferris. He practiced at Newtown until his death at age 35 in 1828. His widow married (2) Captain Oliver Turney Northrup (1793-1871) on 30 April 1843 from whom she was divorced by a special act of the Connecticut General Assembly in 1848.

Dr. Rufus Skidmore was a member of the Hiram Lodge No. 18, F. & A. M., at Newtown.

Jane A. (Skidmore) Burr placed a window in Trinity Episcopal Church at Newtown in memory of her great-grandfather Joseph Ferris.

Children

i. Jane Ann, born 11 February 1822. She married Barak T. Burr in 1844 [newspaper account printed on 20 February 1844]. He was a merchant at Greenfield, Fairfield County, Connecticut. She died 8 November 1904 aged 82, and is buried at Fairfield, Connecticut.

ii. Marietta, born 6 June 1825. She married Alanson Lyon on 9 June 1850 and lived at Redding, Fairfield County, Connecticut. She died there in 1928 at the age of 103.

iii. Martha Elizabeth, born 27 January 1827. She married James D. Johnson (1804-1863), a widower, on 6 September 1853. They lived at Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut, where she died 6 September 1910 aged 82. Buried Mt. Grove Cemetery, Bridgeport.

235. SHERMAN[7] SKIDMORE was born in 1798 at Sandgate, Bennington County, Vermont, the son of James (no. 94) and Polly (Sherman) Skidmore. He was living in 1880 aged 81 with his daughter Mary Russell at Athens, Calhoun County, Michigan, called a "retired farmer." He married (1) Fanny, the daughter of Elihu Billings, on 23 November 1820 at the Presbyterian Church at Cambridge, Washington County, New York. She was living in 1836, and perhaps in 1840. She died, perhaps at Mayfield, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, but no tombstone has been found for her. He married (2) Alice Williams, a widow, on 19 February 1847 in Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

Sherman Skidmore had his earmarks recorded at Sandgate in 1823 and was living there in 1826. By 1830 he had removed to Salem Township, Washington County, New York, where he purchased land from Elisha and Chloe Billings. He is enumerated there in the 1835 state census, but on 25 July 1836 Sherman and Fanny Skidmore sold their land at Salem to John Blossom and moved to Mayfield, Cuyahoga County, Ohio. In the 1850 census of that place Sherman Skidmore, a widower, was aged 52 and a shoemaker born in Massachusetts (an error). Living at home were his son Watson, aged 21, and his daughter Maria Wilson, aged 18. His wife was apparently the Alice Kidmore living apart from Sherman and the head of a family that included her sons Daniel, Abram, Henry, and William Williams (aged 15,13, 11 and 9), apparently children from an earlier marriage. On 23 August 1853 Sherman and Alice Skidmore sold land in Cuyahoga County to Harmon Parker.

He moved in 1858 to Athens, Calhoun County, Michigan, where he presumably died sometime after the 1880 census.

Children:

397. i. Elihu Billings, born August 1821.

ii. Mary Ann, born 1823. She married William Russell, a farmer. She was living in 1880 at Athens, Calhoun County, Michigan.

398. iii. Rufus, born 28 March 1826.

iv. Nathan Watson, born January 1826. He married Mary Sevilla Heston on 22 June 1851 at Mayfield, Ohio. He enlisted 20 August 1862 in Company L, Fifth Michigan Cavalry for three years, at Athens, Calhoun County. He and his family were living in 1880 at Eaton, Lorain County, Ohio, and in 1900 at Coomer, Isabella County, Michigan, a farmer. Had issue.

v. Maria, born 1832. She married Benjamin Willson, Jr., on 11 August 1850 at Mayfield, Ohio. They are said to have moved to Missouri.

236. LYSANDER[7] SKIDMORE was born in 1785 at Newtown, Fairfield County, Connecticut, the son of Daniel (no. 95) and Currence (Baldwin) Skidmore. He was living in 1858 at Salem Washington County, New York. He married Ann the daughter of John Montgomery of Salem, New York. She was born in 1785 and was living in 1850.

Lysander Skidmore is first noticed at Salem in the 1820 census living next to John Montgomery, his father-in-law. He was still there in 1858 when he signed a deed, but neither he nor his wife has been found in the 1860 census. In the 1850 census he is called a shoemaker. His children Minerva, William, and Isaac were all still living at home in 1850.

Children: (Eldest four born at Sandgate, Vermont)

i. Sophia, born 1809 at Sandgate, Vermont. She married Horace Bennett, a miller at Middle Falls, Washington County, New York. Living there in 1850.

ii. Minerva, born 1812. Living at home, unmarried, in 1850.

iii. William, born 1814. He married Elizabeth Santus (1833-1905) on 2 August 1853 at Sandgate, Vermont. He died at that place on 23 February 1895 aged 80 years, 6 months. Farmed 60 acres, ran a cider mill, and was a wagonmaker and mechanic. He left a large family at Sandgate.

399. iv. Henry W., born 1820.

v. Carlos, born 1824 at Salem, Washington County, New York. Never married, he was living with his brother William at Sandgate in 1880. His will was disallowed at Sandgate, Vermont, on 21 February 1887. William Skidmore put in a bill for the board of Carlos Skidmore, deceased.

vi. Isaac, born 1826 at Salem, Washington County, New York. He married (by 1855) Amy Sophia Hurd. He was a sievemaker in 1855. They were living in 1880 at Pine Hill, Shandaken, Ulster County, New York. She was living, his widow, in 1900 at Stamford, Delaware County, New York, with her daughter Florence wife of George Vady.

237. DR. CARLOS[7] SKIDMORE, was born 8 November 1794 at Sandgate, Bennington County, Vermont, the son of Daniel (no. 95) and Currence (Baldwin) Skidmore. He died on 14 September 1864 at Stockbridge, Calumet County, Wisconsin, aged 70. He married in 1818 Minerva, the daughter of Joseph Keeler. She was born 11 July 1800 at Sandgate, and died at Stockbridge, Wisconsin, on 27 February 1880 aged 80.

Dr. Carlos Skidmore was a practicing physician at Sandgate. After the War of 1812 he moved to Louisville, St. Lawrence County, New York, where he was enumerated in the 1820 census. He was a member of the St. Lawrence County Medical Society in 1822, but had moved by 1830 to Bangor, Franklin County, New York. In February 1840 he moved to Ellisburg, Jefferson County, New York, and in July 1851 to Stockbridge, Calumet County, Wisconsin.

The Milwaukee Sentinel noted that the citizens of Calumet County elected Dr. Carlos Skidmore a delegate to the State Convention to be held at Madison on 13 July 1854. He continued in active practice there until his death in 1864 at the age of 70.

Children:

i. Carlos F., born 9 June 1819. A farmer, he was unmarried in 1850. Dead by 1884.
ii. Carlisle A., born 14 November 1820. He was living unmarried with his brother Clark P. Skidmore at Stockbridge in 1880. Dead by 1884.
iii. Parrius, born 29 November 1827. He died 24 September 1845 and is buried in the Mixer Cemetery, Ellisburg, Jefferson County, New York.
iv. Clark Percival, born 27 February 1831. He married (1) Caroline E. Prentiss (1831-1868) on 10 January 1856, and (2) Abigail Eleanor Flower (1850-1884) on 10 October 1869. He enlisted 1 October 1864 in Company K, Fourth Wisconsin Cavalry; mustered out 20 June 1865. Pensioner. He died 18 August 1891 at Stockbridge.
v. Minerva, born 5 July 1837, a twin. She married William R. Wicks and was living in 1884.
vi. Nancy Genette, born 5 July 1837, a twin. She married George S. Prentiss and was living in 1884.

238. THOMAS[7] SKIDMORE, was born 13 August 1790 at Newtown, Fairfield County, Connecticut, the son of John (no. 96) and Polly (Baldwin) Skidmore. He died at 155 Clinton Street in New York City on 7 August 1832, during the cholera epidemic in the summer of that year. He married in March 1821 to Abigail S., the daughter of Henry Boles of New Brunswick, New Jersey, and previously the widow of Francis Ball. She was born in 1794 in New Jersey and survived her husband by many years

dying on 23 December 1875 at Mt. Vernon, Westchester County, New York. She is buried in the Skidmore Vault at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Mt. Vernon.

Thomas Skidmore proved to be a gifted student and at the age of 13 was appointed a teacher in the Newtown School District. He taught there for five years, then moved to Weston, Fairfield County, Connecticut, for one year and taught thereafter at Princeton, Mercer County, and Bordentown, Burlington County, New Jersey, Richmond, Virginia, and at Edentown, Chowan County, and New Bern, Craven County, North Carolina. While living in New Bern, he enlisted in the 4th Company of the 2nd Regiment of the local militia during the War of 1812. He moved to Wilmington, New Castle County, Delaware, in 1815 and began a new career in chemical and mechanical research, concentrating on improvements in the manufacture of gunpowder, wire drawing, and paper making. In 1819 he joined his family in New York City and is first noticed in the city directories in 1820 as a machinist living on Grand Street (near Forsyth). In the 1820 census he is the head of a family that includes his widowed mother and his younger brothers and sisters. In the 1821 directory he is called a civil engineer and in 1830 a printer.

In the national election of 1828 he actively supported the Republican party and John Quincy Adams. He was one of the principal founders of the New York Workingmen's Party and was a leading figure in the Committee of Fifty that formulated the platform of the new party. He published his book The rights of man to property! Being a proposition to make it equal among the adults of the present generation in 1829 which elaborated the agrarian principles upon which he hoped to build a labor reform movement.

He was nominated for the New York Assembly by the Workingmen's Party in 1829 but was narrowly defeated. Later in the year he was forced out of the Workingmen's Party along with the other agrarian reformers, and he formed a new party but never made it successful. He published a newspaper The Friend of Equal Rights briefly in this period. Thomas Skidmore was a controversial reformer who is often characterized as overly zealous and arrogant, but he was a legitimate radical and led the Workingmen's Party at the time of its greatest power and influence.

Abigail Skidmore continued as his widow in New York until 1848 when she is last noticed at 155 Delancey Street in the directories. In the 1850 census she is living with her son Henry at the same address.

Children:

400. i. Henry, born 1823.

ii. William D., born 15 December 1829. He married Frances _____ [perhaps Cheney]. He died 11 April 1862 at Mt. Vernon, Westchester County, New York, buried Skidmore Vault, St. Paul's Episcopal Church. His widow was living in 1881

at 1629 First Avenue, New York City. Had issue.

iii. Thomas Hiram, born 1832. He married Marian Lucinda Mann (1840-1885) on 16 June 1860 at All Saints, New York City. He was a draftsman for the Robert Hoe Press Manufacturers in New York City and was later in business with his brother Henry at 38 Crosby Street. He died 23 February 1881 at Eastchester, Westchester County, New York. Had issue.

239. ZENAS[7] SKIDMORE was born on 4 December 1791 at Newtown, Fairfield County, Connecticut, the son of John (no. 96) and Polly (Baldwin) Skidmore. He died at New York City on 19 September 1875 at the home of his son Edward M. Skidmore. He married at Newtown on 5 September 1813 Joanna Sherman, she was born there in 1794 and died 9 December 1866 at New York City. They are buried in the Evergreen Cemetery in Brooklyn.

Zenas Skidmore recorded his earmarks at Sandgate in 1811, and is said to have moved to New York City in the same year. He returned to Newtown to marry in 1813, and was drafted in the middle of September 1814 into Captain William Strachan's company, Colonel Jasper Ward's regiment, of the New York County Militia. He was honorably discharged on 25 November 1814. He applied for a pension, which was granted on 5 August 1871 stating that with the exception of a few months he had lived in New York City ever since 1814. His address was 319 Broome Street, and he was 79 years, 4 months old on 4 April 1871. He had two land warrants for service in the War of 1812, one for 40 acres and another of 120 acres.

Zenas Skidmore is first noticed in the directory of 1816 when he was a tailor at 109 Mott Street. He is listed at a great variety of addresses, but always as a tailor, until his death. He is remembered as a man of military bearing, fond of walking and outdoor sports. He was still ice skating in Central Park at the age of 83.

Children:

401. i. Thomas, born 1814.
402. ii. Frederick William, born 12 June 1817.
403. iii. Stephen Decatur, born 1820.
404. iv. Edward Mitchell, born September 1821.
v. Abraham, born 6 October 1823. He died 6 April 1824 on Mott Street, an infant. Buried from the Universalist's Church, New York City.
405. vi. Isaac, born February 1825.
vii. Rebecca, born 1827. She married Ishmael Guyer, a bell hanger, on 3 April 1852 at New York City. She died 23 December 1854 aged 27.
viii. John B., born 1835. He died unmarried on 30 March 1860 aged 24, and is buried in the Evergreen Cemetery, Brooklyn.

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240. PHILO[7] SKIDMORE, was born at Newtown, Fairfield County, Connecticut, in 1793, the son of John (no. 96) and Polly (Baldwin) Skidmore, and died 93 Clinton Street, New York City on 27 December 1843 aged 51 (death record) or 52 (newspaper obituary). He married Margaret Ann Reynolds; she was born in 1802 and was living as late as 1865 at 79 Columbia Street, New York City. He was buried at Brooklyn, Long Island.

Philo Skidmore was a shoemaker by trade. He is said to have moved to New York City about 1815. He is first noticed in the directories as Philip [sic] Skidmore at 185 Grand Street (near Mott), shoemaker, in 1819. He moved in 1820 to Harman Street (near Market) where he remained for several years; he is enumerated at that address in the Seventh Ward in the 1820 census. In 1830 he moved to 198 Division Street (between Rutgers and Norfolk), and in 1839 to 93 Clinton Street where he died. Margaret Ann Skidmore, his widow, continues for a time on Clinton Street, and is enumerated in 1860 at 551 Grand Street in the Seventh Ward with a household including her son Eugene H., aged 20, and Emerson Skidmore, aged 16, and Laura Skidmore, 14, who are unidentified. Margaret Ann Skidmore was then aged 56 and a native of New York.

Children:

i. Anna Maria, born 8 October 1818. She died 8 March 1821 aged 2 years, 5 months on Harman Street. Buried from Trinity Church.

ii. Eliza J., born 22 May 1820. She died 20 March 1821 aged 9 months, 28 days.

iii. Anna Eliza, born 31 January 1822. She died unmarried on 24 June 1844 in New York City aged 22 years, 4 months, 24 days.

iv. Josephine, born 16 September 1823. She died unmarried on 26 February 1848 aged 24 years, 5 months, 10 days at 115 Clinton Street.

v. Anna Maria, born 1825. She married Webster Bonnington and lived at Greenpoint, in Brooklyn, Kings County, Long Island.

vi. William, born 28 April 1826. He died 28 October 1827 aged 1 year, 6 months on Harman Street. Buried from Methodist Society.

vii. Harriet Louise, born 15 April 1827. She married Silas Upson, Jr. (1822-1899) on 10 February 1841. They lived at Williamsburg in Brooklyn. She died 28 September 1913, buried Cypress Hills Cemetery.

viii. William Thomas, born 16 February 1829. He died 24 February 1831 aged 2 years, 8 days on Division Street. Buried from the Bethel Baptist Church.

ix. William Thomas, born 1831. He married Sarah Hicks and was living in 1912 at New York City.

x. James, born 12 January 1834. He died 26 January 1834 aged 14 days on Division Street.

xi. Charles Henry, born 1835. He was a carpenter living with his mother in 1860.

xii. Melissa, born 1837. She married Isaac Oakley and died in 1903.

xiii. Emma Ione, born 1840. Died young.

xiv. Eugene H., born 1842. He married Carrie A. Denman (1848-1918) on 17 September 1867 at Newark, Essex County, New Jersey. He enlisted on 27 July 1861 at New York City in Company A, 9the New York Infantry for two years. Transferred to Company A, 3rd New York Infantry, and discharged 28 July 1863. Pensioned 1884. He was a shipjoiner and lived in Brooklyn and New York City, dead 1890.

241. HIRAM[7] SKIDMORE, was born about 1794-1800 at Newtown, Fairfield County, Connecticut, the son of John (no. 96) and Polly (Baldwin) Skidmore. He was living in 1825, but probably died in that year or soon after. The name of his wife is unknown.

Hiram Skidmore, a shoemaker, appears only twice in the New York City directories: in 1824 he is living at 113 Hester Street, and in 1825 at 38 Eldridge Street. There was no probate on his estate, or guardianship for his surviving children (if any). Only one child has been traced, but there may have been others.

Child:

i. Eliza, born 1825. She died 16 August 1825 aged 5 months on Eldridge Street, New York City.

242. BEERS[7] SKIDMORE, was christened on 20 June 1802 at Trinity Episcopal Church, Newtown, Fairfield County, Connecticut the son of John (no. 96) and Polly (Baldwin) Skidmore, and died at Seneca Falls, Seneca County, New York, on 28 June 1845. He married Catharine Cadowgan; she was born in 1809 in New York and married (2) Darius Skidmore, her brother-in-law.

He and his wife Catharine lived for a time at Whitestown Township, Oneida County, New York, where they are enumerated in the 1830 census. On 4 May 1837 they sold their land there and moved immediately to the village of Seneca Falls, New York. He died at that place in 1845 leaving a brief will giving all his real and personal estate to his widow Catharine.

Children:

i. Charles A., born 1829. He was living in 1850 with his uncle Darius Skidmore at Seneca Falls.

ii. Mary S., born 1832. She married (by 1853) William Wilber, and lived at Dundee, Kane County, Illinois.

iii. Thomas Jefferson, born 28 June 1842. He married (1) Celes-

tia Rice on 4 July 1869 at Lyons, Wayne County, New York; she died 3 February 1891 at Seneca Falls, and (2) Catherine Miranda Skidmore on 26 March 1892 at Cleveland, Oswego County, New York, his cousin. He served in the U. S. Navy and was on the ship that laid the Atlantic Cable in 1857. He enlisted 19 April 1861 in Company C, 19th New York Infantry, discharged 2 June 1863. Reenlisted in June 1864 in Company C, 61st New York Infantry and served until the end of the Civil War. He died at 7 Hawley Street Seneca Falls, on 27 May 1915, buried Restvale Cemetery.

243. DARIUS[7] SKIDMORE, was born in 1808 at Newtown, Fairfield County, Connecticut, the son of John (no. 96) and Polly (Baldwin) Skidmore. He was christened on 16 October 1808 at Trinity Episcopal Church, Newtown. Darius Skidmore was living as late as 1881 at 13 Peck Slip in Brooklyn, New York. He married (by 1850) Catharine Cadowgan, the widow of his brother Beers Skidmore.

He was a merchant tailor and hotel keeper at Seneca Falls, New York. During the Civil War when there was a shortage of small coins he issued a token reading "D. Skidmore/good for one" above, with a spread eagle with a cigar in its beak in the center, and "Seneca Falls, N. Y." below. On the reverse was "Skidmore's/head/ quarters/ 95 Fall St/ Hotel."

Child's Gazeteer of Seneca County lists D. Skidmore as the proprietor of the Sheridan House (European plan) and billiard rooms at 93, 95, and 97 Fall Street in Seneca Falls.

In the 1860 census of the First Ward of Seneca Falls Mary Skidmore, aged 89, is living with Darius and Catharine, their daughter Kate, aged 6, and their servants.

Darius and Catharine Skidmore were living in the 1880 census at 366 Madison Street, Brooklyn, with their daughter and son-in-law. In 1881 Darius Skidmore, "Segars," and William D. Skidmore, draughtsman, are both listed in the Brooklyn directory at 13 Peck Slip.

Child:

i. Catharine, born 1854. She married William D. Skidmore, her cousin. She died in 1892. [William D. Skidmore was a son of Henry Skidmore, no. 400.]

244. JOHN VAN NOSTRAND[7] SKIDMORE was born at Brooklyn, Kings County, Long Island, on 2 January 1805 the son of John (no. 97) and Deborah (Whitehead) Skidmore. He died at New York City on 5 December 1855 at 128 Cannon Street aged 51. He married Jane _____, who died at 85 Houston Street on 17 November 1847 aged 39.

He is probably the John Skidmore, ship carpenter, living on Lewis Street near Fourth who was appointed a fireman in New York City on 28 July 1828. He is first listed in the city directory of 1839, a ship carpenter, at 331 Third. He is enumerated in the 1840 census in the Eleventh Ward (with a son and a daughter under 5) and lived at a variety of addresses about the ward. He is last listed in 1855 as John V. Skidmore, carpenter, at 128 Cannon Street.

He seems to have been overlooked in the 1850 census. There was no probate on his estate, and we have an imperfect account of his children.

Children

i. [A daughter, born 1835-40.]
ii. Henry, born May 1840. He died 5 November 1845 at 94 Avenue D, and was buried outside the city.

245. MAJOR WOLCOTT[7] SKIDMORE, was born 19 January 1794 at Newtown, Fairfield County, Connecticut, the son of Luther M. (no. 99) and Martha (Blackman) Skidmore, and died at East Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio on 27 August 1866. He married Adelia, the daughter of Eli and Mabel Maria (Carrington) Mallory; she was born 15 August 1801 at Minden, Montgomery County, New York, and died 14 May 1889 at East Toledo, Ohio, aged 87, she was buried two days later in the Forrest Cemetery at Toledo. She was living in 1870 with her daughter Adelia Root at Andover, Ashstabula County, Ohio, and in 1880 with her daughter Mary U. Brown at Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County, New York. They were married on 29 November 1818 at Peterboro, Madison County, New York.

In 1816 Wolcott Skidmore and Perry G. Palmer bought a fulling mill across the Cowasselo Creek at Peterboro in Madison County, New York; he sold his half to Palmer in 1818. He was a juror in 1816 and a Commissioner of Deeds in 1821 for Madison County. (His name was removed from the juror list in 1828 when he apparently removed.) He had moved by 1832 to Forestville, Chautauqua County, New York, where he kept a hotel, and by 1841 to Versailles, Cattaraugus County, New York. He is enumerated there in 1850 and 1860, a clothier.

Children:

i. Mary Ursula, born 16 November 1819. She married (1) Uri Jackson (1816-1852) on 22 January 1845 at Morris, Otsego County, New York, and (2) Charles Robinson Brown (1827-1882) on 4 August 1854 at Unadilla Forks, Otsego County, New York. She died 28 October 1906 at Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County, New York.
406. ii. Luther Mitchell, born 4 October 1821.
iii. Beers Wolcott, born 5 November 1823. He married Eleanor

Thompson at Buffalo, Erie County, New York, where he was a grocer in the Fourth Ward. He died there on 1 February 1863 leaving issue.

iv. Russell Ira, born 1 August 1825. He married Ann J. ("Nettie") Raymer on 22 November 1859 at Toledo, Lucas County Ohio. He served in Company A, 130th Regiment of Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Living in 1900 at 428 Main Street, Toledo, Ohio. Died there 25 August 1901 and is buried in the Forrest Cemetery at Toledo.

v. Ann Louise, born 30 November 1827. She married David R. Shelton (1825-1857) on 11 November 1847 at Versailles, Cattaraugus, New York. She moved in 1895 to Northfield, Rice County, Minnesota, to live with a son; died there 15 August 1907.

407. vi. John Carrington, born 23 June 1830.

vii. Rush Dix, born 23 November 1832. He is probably the R. J. Skidmore who was a passenger on the ship New Orleans that arrived at San Francisco, California, on 30 April 1852 from Panama after a voyage of 19 days. He married Anna Elizabeth Plitch at San Francisco and had settled by 1860 at North Bloomfield, Nevada County, California, where he kept a saloon for many years. He was living there alone in 1910 and died at North Bloomfield on 2 August 1911.

viii. James Blackman, born 4 January 1835. He married Diantha Hall on 1 September 1861 at Morris, Grundy County, Illinois. He served in Company K, 182nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He died 14 May 1913 at Morris, Illinois, buried in the Evergreen Cemetery there.

ix. William Wallace, born 25 September 1837. He married Ann _____. He was a clerk in the grocery of Beers W. Skidmore on the corner of Eagle and Ellicott Streets, Buffalo, Erie County, New York, in the 1854 directory of that city.

x. Elizabeth Winifred, born 12 November 1839. She married Van Dorn Root on 12 November 1861. She was living in 1870 at Andover, Ashstabula County, Ohio, and died 10 August 1881 at Fort Wayne, Allen County, Indiana.

xi. Charles Briggs, born 15 June 1841. He never married and died 25 October 1866 at East Toledo, Ohio.

xii. Darwin Lester, born 22 April 1844. He married Margaret S. Merrett on 16 June 1870. He served in Company F, 2nd Regiment of Ohio Volunteer Cavalry. He was mining alone at Leadville, Lead County, Colorado, in 1880, but returned to St. Louis, St. Louis County, Missouri, where he died 2 February 1899. His widow and children are there in 1900 at 2917 Pine Street, and again in 1910.

246. CAPTAIN IRA[7] SKIDMORE, was born in 1796 at Morris, Otsego County, New York, the son of Luther M. (no. 99) and Martha (Blackman) Skidmore. He died on 22 June 1866 aged 68 years at Laona, Chautauqua County, New

York. He married in June of 1823 Lydia Lockett, the daughter of Samuel Mann; she was born in 1803 and died 28 October 1852 aged 47 and is buried with her husband at Laona, New York, in the Laona Cemetery.

Ira Skidmore served as a Lieutenant in 1818 and a Captain in 1822 in the Otsego County Militia. He was a Freemason until the Morgan trouble in 1826. He went out to Charlotte Center in Chautauqua County, New York, as a young man settling on a 100 acre farm there which he worked for 10 years. He sold this and moved to Sheridan and later Dunkirk in the same county. He settled finally at Laona in Pomfret Township where he died. Samuel Mann, his father-in-law, came out from Otsego County to join Ira Skidmore at Laona in 1838.

Children:

i. Martha F., born 12 August 1824. She married Samuel Tolles on 9 August 1848. He was a hotel keeper at Dunkirk, Chautauqua County, New York. She died in 1908.

ii. Thomas James, born 8 October 1826. He married Marian Johnson on 12 November 1852. He was a contractor, bridge builder, and coal merchant at Lily Dale, Chautauqua County, New York. He served as a Trustee of the World Center of Spiritualism at Lily Dale from 1879 until 1902 (and frequently as President and Treasurer). His brother and wife were also trustees, and the library there founded in 1886 was named for Marian Skidmore, she died in 1895. He also contributed money to build the hotel there. He died in June 1903.

iii. Samuel Mann, born 22 July 1830. He married (1) Antoinette Hewlett (____-1868) in January 1853; and (2) Alice Roberts (1845-1882) in 1870; and (3) Hattie Lafford (1853-) on 1 May 1884. He was a fruit grower at Fredonia, Chautauqua County, New York.

iv. Frances Adelia, born 11 July 1834. She married Stephen Veasey on 2 September 1854. They lived at Hornell, Steuben County, New York.

v. Henry Hobart, born 25 May 1836. He married Martha L. Eaton (1843-1888) in April 1861, and moved in 1869 to Corry, Erie County, Pennsylvania, where he was a freight agent for the W. N. Y. & E. Railroad. He succeeded his brother Thomas J. Skidmore as a Trustee and Treasurer at Lily Dale resigning in August 1903 because of failing health. Henry Hobart Skidmore was also a member for many years of the School Board at Corry and served as President for two years. He died there on 27 April 1905.

vi. George Edwin, born 1840. He died later in the same year aged 10 months, buried Laona Cemetery.

vii. Oscar William, born 14 February 1842. He married Sarah Keys on 3 January 1865. He was enumerated in 1860 in the Fourth Ward of Zanesville, Muskingum County, Ohio, and enlisted

there on 30 May 1861 in Company B, 24th Regiment of Ohio Volunteer Infantry, discharged 14 February 1863 for disability. He was a locomotive engineer and lived for a time at Thornton, Cook County, Illinois. He returned to Laona where he was a pensioner in 1887, and died in March 1899. His wife was living there in 1900.

viii. Charles Walter, born 8 June 1844. He married Mary Leroy in 1867. He served in Company D, 72nd Infantry, enlisting at Dunkirk, New York, on 13 August 1862. Transferred to Company G, 120th New York Infantry on 23 June 1864. He was a locomotive engineer and was fatally injured three months after his marriage in October 1867 in a wreck on the W. N. Y. & Erie Railroad.

247. JOHN[7] SKIDMORE was born 20 April 1799 at Hollis, Queens County, Long Island, and died at the same place on 21 June 1877. He was a son of Michael (no. 100) and Jane (Oldfield) Skidmore. He married Mary, the daughter of George Carpenter, on 14 January 1820 at Jamaica; she was born 6 June 1801 and died 4 April 1883. They are buried in the Prospect Cemetery at Jamaica.

John Skidmore was born on the Old South Road in Jamaica and was a farmer at Hollis for all of his life. On 18 June 1832 his barn was struck by lightning; it was a complete loss including a valuable horse stabled there. In the 1870 census of Jamaica he is enumerated as a farmer with $15,000.00 in real property and $10,000.00 in personal property.

Children:

408. i. George, born 16 September 1820.

ii. Charles, born 18 February 1823. He married Margaret P. Ostrander (1826-1883) on 4 December 1851. He was living with his father, a farmer, in 1870. He died at Hollis on 20 December 1891. Buried Prospect Cemetery, Jamaica.

248. MOTT[7] SKIDMORE, is presumed be the son of John (no. 102) and Ann (Clarke) Skidmore of New York City. He married Emeline, the daughter of Jacob Brown, on 28 April 1844 at Brooklyn, Kings County, New York. He died on 3 May 1853 at Brooklyn according to an unseen obituary in the Brooklyn Eagle.

Mott Skidmore is first noticed in the 1834 directory of New York City as the proprietor of a porterhouse at 161 Chatham Street (between Mulberry and James). He is there again in 1835, and then disappears until 1841 when he appears as a grocer in Brooklyn at 91 Orange Street, corner of Henry. Mott Skidmore & Company is listed through the year 1852, lastly at 34 Fulton Street with his home at 27 (or 29) Hicks Street.

He is not found in the 1840 census, and also seems to have been completely overlooked in the 1850 census of the First Ward in Brooklyn. There was no probate on his estate, and no tombstone has yet been found for him. His obituary has not been seen, hopefully it might fill in some additional facts on his life.

His wife joined the Plymouth Church in Brooklyn in 1849. Neither she nor her children are found in the 1860 census of Brooklyn, or at Newark, New Jersey. It seems likely that she had died or remarried by this date.

Children:

None known.

249. PETER VANDERVORT[7] SKIDMORE, was born 19 March 1805 at Greenwich, Fairfield County, Connecticut, the son of William (no. 106) and Elizabeth (Vandervort) Skidmore. He died 19 January 1875 at New Utrecht, Kings County, Long Island, and was buried at the Congregational Church, Parksville, Long Island. He married Maria B., the daughter of Coert Johnson, on 9 April 1837 at the Reformed Dutch Church, Gravesend, Kings County, Long Island. She was born 5 September 1813 and died 6 May 1892 at Roslyn, Nassau County, Long Island; she is buried in the Evergreen Cemetery.

He was a farmer for most of his life at New Utrecht, Long Island, and enumerated there in the 1850, 1860, and 1870 census.

Children:

i. Elizabeth Ann, born 9 July 1838. She married George Merrit Lockwood (1839-___) on 12 January 1859 at New Utrecht. They lived at Greenwich, Connecticut, and at Brooklyn, Long Island. She was dead by 1892.

ii. Mary Alletta, born 16 August 1841. She married (1) Michael Ricord of Flatlands, Kings County, on 23 September 1869 at the Reformed Dutch Church, Flatlands, and (2) Henry Francis Dubois. She was living in 1892.

iii. William Henry, born 11 January 1844. He married Harriet V. Hegeman (1848-1918) on 23 September 1868. He was living in 1892 at Huntington, Suffolk County, Long Island. Dead 1918.

iv. Johnson Cortland, born 6 August 1846. He married Matilda Edgar on 12 October 1876. He was living at New Utrecht in 1892, and at Brooklyn in 1900.

v. Peter Vandervort, born 11 March 1850. He married Mary A. Lockwood on 14 May 1874 at Mianus, Fairfield County, Connecticut. They were living in 1900 at North Hempstead, Queens County, Long Island.

250. SAMUEL[7] SKIDMORE, was born 3 March 1815 at Flushing, Queens County, Long Island, the son of Willett (no. 107) and Elizabeth (Johnson) Skidmore. He died 16 April 1864 at Jamaica, Long Island. He married Mary Eliza Tyson on 15 May 1839 at the First Reformed Dutch Church at Jamaica. She was born in July 1822, the daughter of Stephen and Harriet Tyson, and was living in 1900 on Fulton Street in Hempstead, Queens County, Long Island, with James D. Rushmore, her son-in-law.

Samuel Skidmore was a farmer and enumerated in 1850 at Flushing and in 1860 at Jamaica, Long Island. The administration of his estate was given to the widow on 2 May 1864.

Children:

i. Harriet F., born 1840. She married George H. Salt, an express agent at Flushing in 1870. They lived later at Brooklyn, and both were dead in 1929.
ii. Elizabeth J., born 1842. She married _____ Fisher.
iii. Cornelia, born 1844. Living 1860 but died young.
iv. Phebe, born 1846. She married _____ Williams. She died 8 August 1926.
v. Willett, born June 1848. He married Mary H. Ellison on 18 June 1876 and they were living in 1900 at North Hempstead, Long Island.
vi. Catherine Johnson, born 1851. She married James D. Rushmore in 1873. He worked for the Long Island Railroad.
vii. Stephen, born 1853. Died young.
viii. Mary Eliza, born 1855. She married _____ Williams.

251. SAMUEL TREADWELL[7] SKIDMORE, was born 7 January 1801, the son of John (no. 108) and Susanna (Treadwell) Skidmore. He was christened at St. George's, Flushing, Queens County, his parents being the sponsors. He died 8 November 1881 aged 81 at 37 East Fourth Street, New York City. He married Angelina E., the daughter of John and Margaret (Guion) Drake she was born 16 June 1810 and died 30 December 1886. They were married 15 December 1829. Samuel T. Skidmore, his wife, and many of his children are buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, Kings County.

Samuel Treadwell Skidmore moved to New York City in 1818 and went into the wholesale dry goods business in 1828 at Cedar and Williams Streets. He was the President of the Howard Insurance Company in 1854 with offices at 66 Wall Street. He was a Director of the Tradesman's National Bank, and a Trustee of the United States Trust Company. He retired from business in 1850.

He built a handsome house at 37 East Fourth Street about 1848 and lived there until his death in 1881. The house of his kinsman a few doors away at 29 East Fourth is now open to the public as the Seabury Tread-

well Museum. Samuel Treadwell Skidmore was a Vestryman at Trinity Church from 1848 to 1874 and was Senior Warden from 1874 to 1880.

The satin wedding gown worn by Angeline Drake at her wedding in 1829 was presented in the summer of 1937 to the New York Historical Society by her granddaughter and namesake, Angelina Comport.

Children:

i. John Drake, born 11 October 1830. He married Elizabeth Newton Wetmore (1837-1871) on 6 June 1861. He was an attorney in New York City; died there 15 November 1903.
ii. Benjamin Drake, born 28 January 1833. He married Augusta Wood McMullen on 12 October 1865. He died 11 October 1866 and is buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn.
iii. Samuel Wilkins, born 31 August 1834, died an infant on 21 September 1834.
iv. Caroline Townsend, born 8 November 1835, died 30 November 1837.
v. James Henderson, born 28 January 1838. He married Louisa Greer on 9 March 1874. He was organizer of the Young Men's Democratic Club in New York. Real Estate broker. He moved in 1889 to Milton, Ulster County, New York. Vestryman of All Saints Church. He died there on 20 March 1894. Had issue.
vi. William Robert, born 3 June 1843. He never married. Employed in Wall Street, he died 26 May 1872.
vii. Angelina, born 6 March 1847, died 9 November 1847, an infant.
viii. Edward, born 4 February 1849. He married Mary Ann Read on 24 January 1881. He died 4 November 1917 at Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts.

252. GENERAL JAMES HENDERSON[7] SKIDMORE, was born 4 March 1802 at Flushing, Queens County, Long Island, the son of John (no. 108) and Susanna (Treadwell) Skidmore. He died 2 January 1887 aged 84 years, 10 months, at Manhasset, Long Island. He married (1) on 17 September 1826 to Susana Peters, the daughter of Whitehead and Mary (_____) Hewlett, she was born 24 June 1806 and died 3 August 1833. After her death he married (2) her sister Mary Ann Hewlett on 27 April 1835; she was born 23 December 1812 and died 6 April 1901. Both marriages were performed at Christ Church, Manhasset.

He was an Ensign in 1821 in the Queens County Militia. He held a pew at Grace Church, Jamaica, in 1830, and was later Vestryman and Warden of Christ Church. He was General of the 15th Infantry of the New York State National Guard.

Children: (Second wife, all born in Manhasset)

i. Susanna Hewlett, born 29 July 1836. She married John Townsend Willis (___-1904) on 6 October 1859. They lived at Roslyn, Long Island. She died 14 December 1903, and is buried at Manhasset, Long Island.

ii. Samuel Treadwell, born 17 April 1839. He married Rose Antoinette Messenger on 2 June 1870. He died 13 March 1897 and his widow was living in 1900 at 834 West End Avenue, New York City.

iii. Mary Jane, born 22 August 1841. She married Frederick Keble Edwards (1850-1887) on 15 October 1873 of Great Neck, Queens County. She died 20 May 1897, buried Manhasset.

iv. Sarah Maria, born 6 September 1844. She married Dr. Daniel Rea Porter (___-1888) and was living in 1911 at Lexington, Middlesex County, Massachusetts.

v. George Whitehead, born 4 September 1848. He married (1) Josephine Delatour on 17 November 1870. [She was living with her four sons at 404 Tremont Street, Boston, Massachusetts, in 1900.] He was living in 1900 with a wife (2) Rosalie _____, who was born in Sweden in August 1858. Also in his household in 1900 was his mother and his widowed sister Sarah M. Porter.

vi. Caroline, born 21 September 1850, died an infant on 19 August 1852.

vii. James Henderson, born 29 October 1854. He drowned in the Seawanhaka disaster on 28 June 1880 [where his distant cousin, Abram Post Skidmore (see no. 158) was also lost]. His body was recovered and buried at Manhasset.

viii. Charles P., born 23 July 1857. He died 3 December 1867 in childhood, buried Manhasset.

253. DAVID WILLIAM[7] SKIDMORE, was born 28 March 1808 at Flushing, Queens County, Long Island, the son of John (no. 108) and Elizabeth (Allen) Skidmore. He died 19 October 1878 at Jamaica, Long Island, and is buried in Grace Churchyard there. He married (1) on 30 January 1835 at Rossville, Butler County, Ohio, Elizabeth Ward, who was previously the widow of _____ Decamp; she died in 1838, and (2) Mary, the daughter of Timothy Smith; she was born in 1814 and died 11 October 1899 aged 85, and is also buried in the Grace Churchyard at Jamaica.

David W. Skidmore appears once in the New York City directories, in 1831 he was a clerk at 87 Maiden Lane. He had moved by 1835 to Ohio, where he was a merchant at Hamilton in Butler County. His first wife had married her first husband on 19 January 1826 in Hamilton County, Ohio; his name is entered as "D. Camp," an error. Her death is reported in the Long Island Star of 13 June 1838; Mrs. Elizabeth Skidmore died in Ohio.

He had returned by 1847 to Jamaica. He subscribed $100.00 to the

rebuilding of Grace Church in 1861. He is called a retired farmer in 1870. In 1860 he was living at Flushing, Long Island living in his household was his father John, aged 82, styled a gentleman.

Children: (first wife, born Ohio)

i. William Allen, born 6 April 1836. He married (1) Helen C. Hoogland (1835-1864) in 1859, and (2) Maria Hewlett Woolley (1845-1916). They were living at Islip, Long Island, in 1900. He died 7 February 1901, buried Grace Churchyard, aged 64.

ii. John, born 26 March 1838, died 10 June 1838. Buried Grace Church.

254. ANDREW J.[7] SKIDMORE, was born on 2 August 1798 at Union Vale, Dutchess County, New York, the son of James (no. 109) and Elizabeth (Rogers) Skidmore. He was living in 1870 at Franklinville, Carroll County, Maryland, and died there 14 May 1886. He married Hannah Williams; she was born on 7 September 1794 in New York and died 20 August 1884. They are both buried in the Ebenezer Methodist Churchyard at Winfield, Carroll County, Maryland.

On 24 September 1834 Andrew J. and Hannah Skidmore of Union Vale sold to Wilson Johnson a blacksmith shop and a coal house formerly belonging to Alanson Simpson. They moved to Maryland about 1846; in the 1850 census of Carroll County Andrew J. Skidmore was a farmer with $2100.00 in real estate. The Skidmores owned a mill on Skidmore Road in Carroll County.

He was living in 1870 at New Windsor Carroll County Maryland, aged 71, called a retired farmer. There was no probate for him in Carroll County.

Children:

i. Elizabeth, born 1819. She married Nicholas N. Haight (1815-___) on 28 December 1838 at Union Vale. They were living in 1850 in the First District, Baltimore County, Maryland, where he was an innkeeper.

ii. Phebe Jane, born 17 July 1822. She married Richard Haviland (1813-1883) on 9 September 1840, at Union Vale. They moved to Maryland in 1847, and lived for a time at Cohoke, King William County, Virginia. She died 10 September 1860 at North Branch, Baltimore County, Maryland.

iii. James, born 22 December 1824. He married Ann Minerva Buckingham (1830-1891) and had moved by 1880 to Acquinton District, King William County, Virginia. He had a large farm near Manquin, Virginia, which passed on his death on 20 September 1892 to his daughter Cora Skidmore (1857-1933). James Skidmore, his wife and his daughter are all buried at

Ebenezer Church.

iv. Hamilton P., born 1827. He married Katura (Kitty) Parish. He died 17 March 1878 aged 51 and is said to have been buried at Ebenezer Church. She was living in 1900 in Carroll County with her son Zophar P. Skidmore.

v. Abigail Ann, born 20 January 1829. She married Thomas B. Buckingham on 6 November 1849. She died 2 January 1911 and is buried at Ebenezer Church.

vi. Emily, born 1832. She married Levi Z. Condon on 9 November 1852 in Carroll County.

255. ZOPHAR ROGERS[7] SKIDMORE, was born in 1802 in Union Vale, Dutchess County, New York, the son of James (no. 109) and Elizabeth (Rogers) Skidmore. He died 8 May 1888 at Clove, Dutchess County. He married Maria, the daughter of Christopher and Rachel (Paulding) Hughes. She was born in 1810 and was living in 1888 at Clove.

Zophar R. Skidmore built a fine house a mile west of the Clove Highway near the stream where his grandfather had his mill. The house dates from 1838 and is in the Greek Revival style with a center hall and four rooms on each floor. The decorative finish outside and in is elaborate including the egg-and-dart design of the Georgian period and foliated plasterwork. At the main entrance the roof of the porch is supported by columns having simulated Ionic columns; over the porch is a triple window with an ornate frame. The shelf of the mantel in the parlor is also supported by Greek columns and the ornate post of the stairway originally bore an ivory inset. Zophar Skidmore lived here until his death in 1888; his daughter Mary Rogers was the owner in 1897. The house later passed out of the hands of the Skidmores and was owned subsequently by Jean Webster author of Daddy Long Legs.

Children:

i. Elizabeth, born 8 July 1839. She died 23 October 1850, buried in the Methodist Ground, Potter's Corners, LaGrange, New York.

ii. James H., born 1843. He was living at Union Vale in 1906 (but is not found in the 1900 census).

iii. Mary S., born 1847. She married Charles E. Rogers, and was living at New York City in 1888. At Union Vale in 1906.

256. HARVEY ORRIS[7] SKIDMORE, was born in 1806 in Union Vale, Dutchess County, New York, the son of James (no. 109) and Elizabeth (Rogers) Skidmore. He was living at Rhinebeck, Dutchess County, in 1860. He married Ann Eliza Bell on 25 September 1844; she was born in 1826 and was living as late as 5 February 1864 when she joined Rhinebeck Reformed Church.

In 1850 Harvey Skidmore is enumerated at Union Vale with his wife and daughter. Also in his household were Norman E. Bell, aged 21, and Lavina C. Bell, aged 14. He moved in the following year to Poughkeepsie where we find him in the city directory in 1853 at 46 Smith Street. He is there in 1852 and at the same address in 1853 as "Orris" Skidmore. He is at the corner of Cannon and S. Hamilton Streets in 1856 and 1859, and in 1860 at 104 Academy Street.

In the 1860 census he is enumerated in Rhinebeck Township; his wife was living there in 1869. He is said to have moved to New Jersey sometime after this date, but he has not yet been found in the 1870 or 1880 census.

Children:

i. Elma, born 1849. She joined the Rhinebeck Reformed Church on 4 May 1866. Died May 1869.
ii. E., a son, born 1852. Living with his father in 1860.
iii. C., a daughter, born 1858. Living with her father in 1860.

257. JESSE[7] SKIDMORE was born in 1797 at Union Vale, Dutchess County, New York, the son of Andrew (no. 110) and Elizabeth (Clapp) Skidmore. He died 1 November 1861 at Poughkeepsie in the same county. He married 24 October 1827 at the Oblong Monthly Meeting Sarah, the daughter of Peter and Abigail (Ferris) Akin. She was born in 1796 and died 19 January 1877. They are buried in the Clove Cemetery.

He was a lifelong member of the Society of Friends. He moved late in life to Poughkeepsie, where he died. His farm was subsequently owned by his son Peter Akin Skidmore.

Children:

i. Peter Akin, born 15 April 1831. He married Ruth Moore (1834-1909) on 26 December 1856. He was a farmer and a Hicksite (Quaker) preacher living at Motterman, Dutchess County, in the 1860 census. Died 3 February 1905, buried Clove Cemetery.
ii. Elizabeth C., born 1832. She died unmarried in 1854 aged 22, buried Clove Cemetery.
iii. Abigail A., born 1833. She died 1850 aged 17, buried Clove Cemetery.
iv. Andrew I., born 17 August 1835. He married Fannie Wing (1838-1881) on 17 November 1858. He was a farmer at Motterman Post Office in 1860; owned 168 acres there. He died 15 April 1900, buried Clove Cemetery.

258. ANDREW AKIN[7] SKIDMORE was born 31 October 1798 at Union Vale,

Dutchess County, New York, the son of Andrew (no. 110) and Elizabeth (Clapp) Skidmore. He died at LaGrange in the same county on 11 January 1865. He married on 21 December 1829 at the Oblong Monthly Meeting Elizabeth, the daughter of John and Grace (Swords) Wanzer. She was born 16 November 1807 and died 12 June 1895. They are both buried in the Friends Ground at Oswego.

An obituary appears for him in the Friends' Magazine: "Died, in the 11th of the eleventh month, 1865, at LaGrange, Dutchess County, New York, Andrew H. Skidmore in the 67th year of his age; a member of the Oswego Particular Meeting. Although called suddenly from works to rewards, we believe the testimony given forth in the Scriptures is applicable to him: show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works. He was a diligent attender of meeting, and by his upright walking had endeared himself to a large circle of friends."

Children:

i. Elizabeth G., born 1833. She died 2 July 1857 in her 24th year, unmarried.
ii. Jane S., born 30 April 1836. She married Cromline Dean (1834-____) on 30 May 1867. They lived at LaGrange. She died 21 August 1911, buried Friends Ground, Oswego.
iii. Andrew A., born ____. Died young.
iv. James Wanzer, born 8 April 1843. He married Phebe Tompkins (1840-1914) on 29 October 1868. He lived at Moore's Mills in LaGrange Township; died 6 February 1917.

259. JAMES C.[7] SKIDMORE was born 28 December 1803 at Union Vale, Dutchess County, New York, the son of Andrew (no. 110) and Elizabeth (Clapp) Skidmore. He died 6 December 1882 at Beekman in the same county. He married (1) Mary, the daughter of William and Amy (Doty) Cornell; she was born 18 October 1809 and died 18 December 1848. They were married on 25 November 1829. He married (2) Loretta, the daughter of Henry and Sarah (Hoag) Haviland; she was born 23 March 1806 and died 27 July 1899. She was previously the widow of Samuel Rowe and John Carman, and is called "of Milan" in a newspaper account of their marriage on 16 January 1850. James C. Skidmore and both of his wives are buried in the Hicksite Friends' Ground at Clinton Corners, New York.

He farmed 108 acres at Beekman, and was a Trustee of the Oswego Monthly Meeting. On 8 March 1853 James C. Skidmore and Loretta, his wife, of Beekman, sell land in Milan in Dutchess County.

James C. Skidmore had no children by either of his wives.

260. STEPHEN HICKS[7] SKIDMORE was born 3 September 1787 at South Hempstead, Queens County, Long Island, the son of Samuel (no. 111) and Martha (Hicks) Skidmore. He died 5 February 1857 at the same place. He married Elizabeth Golder, she died 26 February 1858 and is buried in the Prospect Cemetery at Jamaica.

Stephen H. Skidmore was enumerated in Queens County in 1820 and is probably the Stephen H. Skidmore, farmer, living in 1824 and 1825 on Stanton Street (near Essex) in New York City. He was living in New York City on 5 March 1828 when he and his wife Elizabeth returned a deed selling his interest in nine acres at Hungry Harbor (which Samuel Skidmore his father had owned) to his brother Smith Skidmore and his brother-in-law Stephen Johnson. The witness was Joseph Pettit. His kinsman, Stephen Higby Skidmore (no. 268) moved also to New York City a few years later, but he is always called a tailor in the city directories.

The will of Ruth Golder of Jamaica, dated 14 February 1830, remembers her daughter Elizabeth, wife of Stephen Skidmore.

Stephen Skidmore disappears after this date. He is not found in the New York City directories, nor is he found there or in Queens County in the 1830, 1840, or 1850 census. In the 1850 census of Jamaica Elizabeth and her daughter Martha E. Skidmore are living alone.

Children:

409. i. Abraham, born 1815.
410. ii. Hicks, born 31 January 1817.
411. iii. Samuel M., born 1820.
iv. John Wesley, born 12 August 1822. He married 21 February 1855 Ruth Ellen Gildersleeve (1828-1878). He is called a "truckman" in the 1870 census. They lived at Hempstead where he died 17 November 1895.
v. Martha E., born 1825. She married Smith E. Hendrikson. He was a farmer at Hempstead. The administration on her estate was given on 19 November 1873 to her husband.

261. SMITH[7] SKIDMORE, was born 1 November 1802 at South Hempstead, Queens County, Long Island, the son of Samuel and Martha (Hicks) Skidmore. He died at the same place on 1 August 1880. He married on 14 April 1824 Miriam Peters Seabury, who was born in 1802 and died in 1882.

He was Steward in the Methodist Episcopal Church at Hempstead in 1837. In 1850 he was a school teacher, and in the 1860 and 1870 census he was a clerk in a store at the same place. In the 1870 census Jane W. Pettit, aged 62, and Henry P. Seabury, aged 53, were living with Smith Skidmore and his wife.

Children:

412. i. John Adam Seabury, born 7 May 1825.
ii. Sarah Jane, born 3 July 1828. She married William Higbie (1826-1877) on 22 March 1848 at Hempstead.
iii. Samuel Robert, born 14 December 1831. He married Mary Ann Reid on 19 April 1863 at Brooklyn. He was a clerk in the men's furnishings store owned by his brother-in-law William Higbie at Brooklyn in 1860. Living at 527 Pacific, a clerk, in 1871.
iv. Theodore Smith, born 27 April 1842. He married Eudora Isabel Marsh on 6 June 1866. He was a school teacher at Hempstead in 1860, and a clerk in 1870. They were living on Franklin Street, Hempstead, in 1900.

262. SMITH[7] SKIDMORE, was born 11 September 1798 and christened at the Poughkeepsie Reformed Church, the son of Walter (no. 112) and Sarah (Bell) Skidmore. He died 3 March 1879, a suicide, aged 81 at 16 East Avenue, Rochester, Monroe County, New York. He was buried in the Newer Mt. Hope Cemetery at Rochester. He married (1) Delia Howland she was born in 1798 and died in 1838, the daughter of Timothy Howland of Monroe County. He married (2) Matilda S. _____, who was born in 1804 in Schoharie County, New York, and died at Penfield, Monroe County, on 7 April 1865 aged 64. She is buried there in Oakwood Cemetery in a plot owned by Harrison Fuller. His first wife is also buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Rochester, beside her husband.

Smith Skidmore was an Ensign in the Dutchess County Militia in 1820, but resigned his commission in 1822. He and his family were enumerated in the 1830 census at LaGrange, Dutchess County, and he and his wife Delia are called of LaGrange on 6 April 1832 when they sold land to James Briggs of Fishkill. In 1833 they sold land (bounded by James Conklin's ferry) to his brother James H. Skidmore, then called "of Hyde Park." In 1840 Smith Skidmore was the head of a household at Walworth in Wayne County, New York, but he later moved to Penfield, Monroe County, New York. They are enumerated there in the 1850, 1855, and 1860 censuses. About 1860 Matilda Scidmore and Mr. T. Skidmore of Lovett's Corners were both members of the Penfield Baptist Church. After the death of Matilda Skidmore her husband removed to Coldwater, Branch County, Michigan, where he remained until about 1873 when he returned to Rochester New York, where he died.

Children: (First wife)

i. Elizabeth, born 1820-5.
ii. Timothy Howland, born 19 August 1826. He married (1) Cynthia C. Allyn (1832-1868), and by 1880 (2) Tamsy C. _____ (1836-___), a native of Delaware. He was a boatman at Penfield in 1863, and was a farmer at West Macedon, Wayne County, New York (a hamlet on the canal), in 1867. He moved

later to Seaford Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware, where he was living, a farmer, in 1880 and 1900.

263. NATHAN[7] SKIDMORE, was born about 1804-10 perhaps in Brooklyn, Kings County, Long Island, or at North Castle, Westchester County, New York, the son of Joseph (no. 115) and Tirzah (Noble) Skidmore. He married Mary _ _____. They were living at Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York, in 1831.

Nathan Skidmore first appears in the New York City directories in 1823 at 153 Chrystie Street. In 1824 he and Joseph Skidmore, his father, are both listed at 45 Greene Street. Nathan Skidmore was a mason and he last appears in 1830 at 156 Clinton Street, at the corner of Division.

On 2 November 1831 Nathan and Mary Skidmore, of Poughkeepsie, sell to William H. Calkin and Richard W. Parmalee, for $850.00 a certain lot in the village of Poughkeepsie lying on the south side of Main Street, being part of the homestead of William Emott, deceased. The homestead had previously been divided, and a part had been quitclaimed to Helen Northrop. There was an encumbrance on the premises of a mortgage of $1150.00 to James Emott, Esq., which Calkin and Parmalee assumed. The deed was acknowledged on the day following by Nathan and Mary Skidmore who then disappear from view.

Nathan Skidmore is not found as the head of a family at New York City or Poughkeepsie (or elsewhere in New York state) in the 1830 or 1840 census. He is said (by descendants of the Noble family) to have died at Poughkeepsie.

264. JOSEPH[7] SKIDMORE, was born about 1804-10 perhaps at Brooklyn, Kings County, Long Island, or at North Castle, Westchester County, New York, the son of Joseph (no. 115) and Tirzah (Noble) Skidmore. He may have married Jane _____ who was living (his widow?) in 1830 at Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York.

Even less is known of him than is known of his brother Nathan. He may be the Joseph Skidmore in the 1827 directory of New York City at 45 Crosby Street but this may also have been his father of the same name. He is also said by the Noble family to have died at Poughkeepsie.

In the 1830 census of Poughkeepsie there is a household listed under Cornelia Odle and Jane Skidmore. Jane Skidmore is not identified, but she is apparently one of the two females in the house aged 20-30. On the basis of present information it seems likely that Jane Skidmore was related in some unknown way to Nathan and Joseph Skidmore of Poughkeepsie.

265. JOHN FAULKNER[7] SKIDMORE, was born 14 November 1807 at Jamaica, Queens County, Long Island, the son of John (no. 116) and Mary E. (Faulkner) Skidmore. He was living in New York City as late as 1870 at 20 Cannon Street. He married by 1835 Julia Ann, the daughter of George Phillips; she was born in 1812 and survived him and was living at 20 Cannon Street, a widow, in 1880. The administration on her estate was granted in New York City on 22 March 1884 to Jane C. Miller, a sister.

John F. Skidmore first appears in New York City in 1829 as a grocer at 13 Mangin Street (near Broome). On 19 February 1830 Ezra N. Berrien and Betsy, his wife, of Newtown, Queens County, sell to John F. Skidmore, grocer, for $3500.00 a house and lot at the southeast corner of Broome and Cannon Streets in New York City. John F. Skidmore appears at this address (63 Broome Street) from 1830 to 1870, although for a good many years it seems to have been let out and he lived elsewhere.

In the 1830 census he is head of a household including himself and his wife (aged 20-30) with another male (perhaps a brother or a store assistant) aged 10-15.

He had more than one career. In the 1844 directory he is called a marshall, in 1847 a constable, and in 1850 a crier. Probably all of these offices were attached to one of the New York County courts. In 1865 and thereafter the directories called him a lawyer, but the 1870 census gives his occupation as a "retired grocer." There was no probate on his estate.

The will of George Phillips in 1840 remembers his daughter Julia Ann Skidmore. In the 1880 census she is living alone at 20 Cannon Street, aged 65. Julia Skidmore stated then that her father was born in France, and her mother in New York. There was no surviving issue of the marriage.

Child:

i. Julia, born 28 June 1836, died an infant 28 October 1838 at 63 Broome Street. Buried from the Methodist Society.

266. THOMAS HIGBY[7] SKIDMORE, was born 5 January 1812 at Jamaica, Queens County, Long Island, the son of John (no. 116) and Mary E. (Faulkner) Skidmore. He died 21 June 1896 at Brooklyn Kings County, New York; he had been in a hospital there for about four months before his death. He married Margaret Olive _____, who was born in 1808 and died in 1882. They are buried in the family plot in Cedar Hill Cemetery at Newburgh, Orange County, New York.

Thomas H. Skidmore is first noticed in the 1834 directory of New York City at 20 Goerck Street (corner of Broome), a grocer. He continues at a variety of addresses as a grocer until 1840 when he removed to

Plattekill, Ulster County, New York.

He acquired two pieces of property in Kings County, but does not seem to have lived there. On 28 April 1836 George and Charlotte Homan of Williamsburgh sell to Thomas H. Skidmore of New York City for $1000.00 a lot in Williamsburg. On 7 May 1844 John Van Cott, of Newtown, Queens County, sold another lot in Williamsburg on Grand Street between 6th and 7th Streets, to Thomas Skidmore of New York City for $400.00.

By 1844 he was back in New York City for a time in the flour business at 10 James Street and living at 33 Cannon Street. He went back to Plattekill once again in 1848. Thomas H. and Margaret O. Skidmore were members of the Plattekill Methodist Church in 1850 and he was a Steward of the church in 1860. He moved in this year to Newburgh in Orange County, New York, where he and his son Edwin T. Skidmore went into the grocery business at 181 Water Street at the corner of South Street. In 1880 Thomas H. Skidmore, his son Edwin T., and his daughter-in-law Emma D., were living at Grand Forks, Grand Forks County, North Dakota (then Dakota Territory).

At Newburgh Thomas H. Skidmore became a Trustee of the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, and a Director of the Quassasick National Bank (resigning about two years before his death because of the infirmities of age).

He left a will dated 22 January 1888. Thomas H. Skidmore outlived all five of his children and his only heir was a grandson of the same name living at Brooklyn, Kings County, Long Island.

Children:

i. Frances Emma, born 1836. She died 7 August 1845 and is buried in the Plattekill Valley Community Ground.
ii. Edwin T., born March 1838. He married Emma D. Bull, who was living in 1900. He was a merchant at Newburgh and died at his home at 189 Montgomery Street on 28 January 1896 aged 57 years, 10 months. Buried at Cedar Hill Cemetery.
iii. [A child, died young.]
iv. Caroline, born 22 November 1843. She died 22 July 1844 aged 8 months at 33 Cannon Street, New York City.
v. Henry Hoyt, born __ __. He died aged 1 year, 8 months (but no date of death is given), buried Plattekill Valley Community Ground.

267. GEORGE EVERETT[7] SKIDMORE, was born in 1820 at Jamaica, Queens County, Long Island, the son of John (no. 116) and Mary E. (Faulkner) Skidmore. He was living in 1870 in the Third Ward, Hoboken, Hudson County, New Jersey. He married (1) Eliza __ __ __, who was born in England on 29 July 1823, and who died at 43 West 18th Street, New York

City, on 29 June 1855 aged 31 years, 11 months. He married (2) Emeline (Emmy), the daughter of Isaiah and Hannah (Lyon) Flewellyn of Yorktown, Westchester County, New York. She was born in 1830 and died in 1870 at Hoboken.

George Skidmore is first noticed in the New York City directories in 1842 living at 111 Christopher Street, a porter. In the year following he moved to 96 Bedford Street where he lived until 1849 when he moved back to 113 Christopher Street, now called a clerk. He disappears from New York City in 1859.

In 1870 he and his brother-in-law Christopher Gregory are both found in Hoboken. George Skidmore is found in the Second Ward with no occupation but with $8000.00 in real estate and $1000.00 in personal property. Emmie Skidmore "keeps house" and was still living, although she is said to have died in the same year. There are five children at home: Henrietta, George, Alida, Fred, and Willie. Christopher Gregory kept a stone yard in Hoboken, and apparently employed his nephew George Skidmore who is called a stone cutter. Gregory later moved to Tiffany Township, Eddy County, North Dakota, and in 1900 his two nephews Fred and William Skidmore are living there with him. Mary Gregory, the sister of George Skidmore, is aged 47 in 1870 and also "keeps house."

Children: (First wife)

i. Mary T., born 26 November 1841, died 28 December 1841 aged 1 month, 2 days, at 111 Christopher Street. Buried from the Methodist Episcopal Church.
ii. Mary E., born 16 February 1843, died 25 June 183 at 96 Bedford Street, aged 4 months, 9 days.
iii. Sarah, born 15 July 1844, died 2 February 1847 at 113 Christopher Street, aged 2 years, 6 months, 18 days.
iv. John, born 1846, living 1850.
v. Henrietta, born 1849. Living at home in 1870 at Hoboken.
vi. George Everett, born October 1852. He married Julia M._____ about 1872. He was living in 1900 at 161 Newark Avenue, Hoboken, in 1900, a dock worker.

(Second wife)

vii. A child, died 12 April 1858 at 43 West 18th Street.
viii. Alida, born November 1860. Living in 1873 when she was an heir to her grandmother Hannah Flewellyn.
ix. Frederick, born January 1864. Living unmarried in 1900 at Tiffany Township Eddy County, North Dakota, a farmer.
x. William, born May 1867. Living unmarried in 1900 at Tiffany Township, Eddy County, North Dakota, a farmer.

268. STEPHEN HIGBY[7] SKIDMORE, was born 24 March 1805 at South

Hempstead, Queens County, Long Island, the son of Abiathar (no. 119) and Hannah (Higby) Skidmore. He died 29 Mary 1886 at New York City, but is buried in the Springfield Cemetery, Springfield, Long Island. He married Mary Ann White who was born 24 August 1807 and died 21 May 1891.

Stephen Higby Skidmore was a merchant tailor. In 1826 he was following this calling at 18 Cranberry Street in Brooklyn. By 1830 he had removed to New York City where Stephen H. Skidmore & Company was located at 199 Greenwich Street. He lived later at 17 Macdougal Street and moved in 1836 to 149 Spring Street where he was living as late as 1880 (after more than four decades in the same house). In 1860 he gave up tailoring and became a Collector for the Post Office.

Children:

i. Harriet L., born 1833. She married James Sturtevant.
ii. Emeline H., born 1837. She married Frederick William Smith on 21 December 1857 at Trinity Church, New York City. She died 23 August 1905.

269. WALTER[7] SKIDMORE, was born at South Hempstead, Queens County, Long Island, the son of Abiathar (no. 119) and Hannah (Higby) Skidmore. He was living 6 March 1847. He married Phebe Frost on Thursday, 25 May 1836 in New York City; she was born in 1810 and died 10 March 1837 at 126 Sixth Avenue in her 27th year. She was buried from the West Presbyterian Church.

Walter Skidmore was an attorney in New York City. He is first found in 1838 at 52 Center Street, and lived at a variety of addresses, but lastly from 1843 to 1846 at 71 Beekman Street. He apparently did not remarry after the death of his wife Phebe; in the 1840 census "Mr. Skidmore" is enumerated in Ward 17 at the corner of Avenue A and Second Street with a male 20-30 and another under 5. He is also, according to enumeration, a member of a learned profession. There were no females in his household.

Walter Skidmore was still living on 6 March 1847 when he transferred an indenture from Eugen Keteltas (which had been mortgaged to his mother Hannah Skidmore) to his brother Stephen Skidmore for $1700.00. He must have died soon after this date. There was no probate on his estate.

Child:

i. Walter A., born 1837. He married Martha E. _____. He had moved by 1859 to San Francisco, California, where he was first a printer in the Commercial Printing Office, and lived at 170 Madison Street. In 1860 he was enumerated at San Rafael, Marin County, California, as a printer aged 23. He later became a mining expert, with offices at 320 Sansome

Street in San Francisco. He was author of Notes on Gold Mining in Colorado published in 1876.

270. JOSEPH[7] SKIDMORE, was born in 1819 at South Hempstead, Queens County, Long Island, the son of Samuel (no. 120) and Rebecca (Dyckman) Skidmore. He died in March 1882 at Brooklyn, Long Island. He married 1 February 1842 (according to the Long Island Star) Margaret Elizabeth Cox Shearer, who was born in September 1824 and who was living alone in 1900 at 37 Powell Street, Brooklyn. Her will was proved 7 April 1906 at Brooklyn.

Joseph Skidmore spent his childhood on the Dyckman homestead at Hempstead. He went as a young man to New York City where he was a shipwright, appearing first in the city directory of 1842 at 198 Delancey Street near Ridge. He moved in 1847 to Williamsburg in Brooklyn coming back to New York City in 1851 where he ran an "eatinghouse" at 82 Pike Street. In 1857 he was back in Brooklyn living at 34 Chapel Street, a caulker. He is enumerated in New York City in the 1860 census, a caulker, in the Seventh Ward.

According to his own statement his business next took him to New Orleans Orleans Parish, Louisiana. He joined the Algiers Regiment there at the outbreak of the Civil War, and was compelled to fight against his own people (including his eldest son who was in the Union Army). In the 1865 directory of New York City Margaret E., the widow of Joseph, was running a boardinghouse at 250 Monroe Street. (She is doubtless the Margaret Skidmore who was living in 1863 at 229 Fulton Avenue in Brooklyn.)

He was apparently back at Brooklyn by 1870 a Joseph Skidmore, carpenter, was living on Classon Street near Douglas in that year. He died in March 1882 but there was no probate on his estate in Kings County or New York City.

Children:

i. Samuel Tunis, born 3 January 1843 in New York City. He married (1) Mary Eliza Sampson (1849-1891), and (2) Harriet J. Bushnell (1854-1932) on 22 December 1891 at Brooklyn. He was a telegrapher at the time of his enlistment on 29 June 1862 in Company D, 62nd New York Infantry. He was wounded in the arm on 3 May 1863 at Fredericksburg, Spottsylvania County, Virginia, mustered out 30 August 1865. He was a fish dealer after the war in New York City and at Fulton Market in Brooklyn and was living in 1900 at 215 Jefferson Street, Brooklyn. His widow was a pensioner in 1911.

ii. Silvanus, born 30 December 1844. He died 13 August 1860 aged 16, buried Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn.

iii. Catherine Rebecca, born 15 July 1851. She married Lester

Brower on 12 September 1876.

iv. Joseph E., born 15 October 1854 at 54 Rutgers Street. He married Phebe Alice Dickens (1857-1911). They were living at Brookhaven, Suffolk County, Long Island, in 1900. He died in 1905 (will dated 15 September) and they are buried in the Canarsie Cemetery in Brooklyn.

v. Joshua H., born 14 September 1856. He married Magdalene S. Carman on 25 April 1880 at Canarsie. He was a railroad conductor. Living at 84 Williams Avenue, Brooklyn, in 1900. Died at Brooklyn in 1909 (will probated 4 August).

vi. Loretta, born 28 March 1869. Died 1870, an infant.

271. WILLIAM[7] SKIDMORE, was born in 1823 at South Hempstead, Queens County, Long Island, the son of Samuel (no. 120) and Rebecca (Dyckman) Skidmore. He died 7 March 1864 near Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio, in the Civil War. He married Henrietta Conover on 21 May 1845 at the Mariner's Church, New York City. She was born in New York City in 1828 and died on 14 August 1872 aged 44 at 100 Cannon Street, New York City. She is buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn.

He was a tailor at New York City as early as 1845, living at 350 Monroe Street. He is still there in 1849, but is enumerated in the next year at Hempstead; Catherine Conover (probably his mother-in-law) age 53 is also in his household. He was at Hempstead in 1860, as well, a tailor.

William Skidmore enlisted 18 December 1861 at New York City to serve for three years in Company I, 102nd New York Infantry. He reenlisted on 30 December 1863. He drowned on 2 March 1864 in the Ohio River, en route from Cincinnati to Louisville, Kentucky. While on the way to join Sherman's army at Lookout Mountain he fell overboard from the government transport and drowned in the river.

His wife went back to New York, Henrietta, the widow of William Skidmore, was living at 97 Cannon Street in 1870. After her death in 1872 Catherine E. Hicks was appointed guardian of John H. and Rebecca Skidmore on 21 February 1873 in New York City.

Children:

i. Catherine E., born 1846. She married _____ Hicks, and was living his widow in 1880 at 24 Cannon Street, New York City, with her brother William J. Skidmore.

ii. Rebecca, born 1848. She died 19 August 1849 at New York City, but was buried at Hempstead.

iii. William James, born 1850. He married Jane _____, and was living in 1880 at 24 Cannon Street with his wife and children.

iv. Samuel Sydney, born 1 February 1853. A laborer, he was living in 1881 at 24 Cannon Street with his brother William

J. Skidmore.

v. Elma, born 2 May 1855.

vi. John Henry, born 1 august 1858. He married about 1893 Daisy M. Amos (1870-___), a native of Germany. In 1880 he worked in a machine shop, and lived with his brother William J. Skidmore at 24 Cannon Street, New York City. They were living in 1900 with their three children at 2036 Highland Place, Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, where he was employed as a pressman.

vii. Rebecca, born 11 February 1861. She was living unmarried with her brother William J. Skidmore at 24 Cannon Street in 1880.

272. JOSEPH RUSSELL[7] SKIDMORE, was born at New York City on 26 February 1821, the son of Jeremiah (no. 122) and Judith (Ludlam) Skidmore. He died there on 30 December 1882. He married (1) Lucy Ann, the daughter of Irad and Sarah (Holmes) Hawley on 22 December 1847; she was born 29 September 1821 and died 2 August 1853, and (2) on 28 February 1855 Anna Holmes, the daughter of Dr. John Michael Krebs, pastor of the Rutgers Street Presbyterian Church. She was born in 1834 and died 8 October 1894. He and his wives are buried in Woodlawn Cemetery.

He continued in the lucrative coal business founded by his father. He was an elder in the Rutgers Street Presbyterian Church, and later held the same office in the Church of the Covenant.

His daughter Lucy Ann Scribner (who inherited one fortune and married another) was the founder of Skidmore College at Saratoga Springs. She was widely known for her philanthropies, and gave over $1 million to Skidmore College alone according to her obituary in the New York Times.

Children: (First wife)

i. Irad Hawley, born 18 October 1850. He died 22 July 1852 at Ridgefield, Fairfield County, Connecticut, where his parents had a summer home; buried Woodlawn Cemetery.

ii. Lucy Ann Hawley, born 4 July 1853. She married John Blair Scribner (1847-1879) on 13 May 1875 at New York City. Her husband was a publisher in New York City. She lived in France for many years after his death, but returned in 1900 to Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County, New York, where she died 3 May 1931. President of the Board of Trustees of Skidmore College at her death.

273. WILLIAM LUDLAM[7] SKIDMORE, was born at Foster's Meadow, Hempstead, Queens County, Long Island, on 25 September 1822, the son of Jeremiah (no. 122) and Judith (Ludlam) Skidmore. He died 16 October 1897 at Greenwich, Fairfield County, Connecticut. He married on 15 June 1847 at

New York City Charlotte Henry, the daughter of Dr. Alfred Freeman. She was born 4 March 1826 in New York City and died there at 800 Madison Avenue on 14 November 1895.

He was brought to New York City in 1825 by his parents, and continued in the coal business founded by his father. He was a member of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church where he was a Deacon 1855-1869, and an Elder 1869-1896. His wife joined the church on 11 March 1855.

His home for many years was at 73 Union Place (at Union Square). Both of his sons died before him, unmarried, and according to an obituary in the New York Times he was survived only by a sister in Paris and his niece, Mrs. Scribner. His estate, according to the Times, was valued at $1 million.

Children:

i. Alfred Freeman, born 4 March 1848. He died 15 February 1868 aged 20.
ii. Jeremiah, born 31 May 1851. He died 16 September 1873 aged 23.

274. JAMES NELSON[7] SKIDMORE, was born before 1800 probably in Montgomery County, Kentucky, the son of Samuel (no. 123) Skidmore. He married on 8 March 1827 in Cole County, Missouri, Delilah Brown, who was previously the widow of _____ Eastes (or Easter). She was no doubt nearly related to the Joshua Brown who was caring for her children in 1850.

There are three deeds on record for this man in Cole County, Missouri. On 24 October 1842 James Nelson Skidmore of Cole County sells 40 acres for $60.00 to Isiah R. Lampkin in the NW quarter of the NE quarter of Section 25, Township 44 Range 12 South of the Missouri River. It is signed J. N. Skidmore. On 4 June Isiah R. Lampkin of Cole County sells the same 40 acres back to James H. Skidmore for $80.00. Finally, on 21 November 1844 James and Delilah Skidmore sell to Benjamin Bridgeport of Virginia for $150.00 one half of the West half of the NE quarter of Section 10, Township 42 Range 11 South. Delilah signs with her mark.

James W. Skidmore enlisted in May 1846 for one year at Jefferson City in the Cole County Dragoons for service in the Mexican War. The geographical title was merged into Company F of the First Regiment of the Missouri Mounted Volunteers under Captain M. M. Parson and Colonel Alexander W. Doniphan and the dragoons were mustered into service on 16 June 1846 at Fort Leavenworth. They moved overland to Santa Fe where they occupied New Mexico and then went south to Chihuahua. In Mexico they captured a cannon cast from church bells which became a trophy of the war and which may still be seen in Missouri. After traveling 3600 miles they were paid off in gold at New Orleans, Louisiana, and dis-

charged on 21 June 1847.

Nothing more is known of James Nelson Skidmore after this date. In the 1850 census two of his surviving children William, aged 7, and Mary J., aged 4, are living with Joshua Brown, aged 53, doubtless their uncle, and his wife Nancy Brown, aged 56, in Cole County. In 1860 William, aged 17, and Mary, aged 13, are both at school and living with William P. Riggins, aged 46, and his wife Sarah Jane (Sloane) Riggins, aged 36. It is not known if the Riggins were related to the Skidmore children.

It is probable, though unproven, that he is identical with a James Skidmore, aged 50, who had caught gold fever and was a miner enumerated in the 1850 census of Placerville, Eldorado County, California. He was born in Kentucky according to the census. In the 1852 state census this man is living in Sonoma County, California, aged 40, and a storekeeper who is reported to have been born in Missouri. In 1860 James Skidmore, still unmarried, is back in Eldorado County where he was a cook in a hotel run by P. Gibson at Indian Diggings. Gibson's guests were all miners, and it may have been Gibson who reported to the census marshall that James Skidmore was 51 and a native of Pennsylvania (almost certainly in error). Despite the disparities of age and place of birth they are likely to be the same man; whether he is identical with the James Nelson Skidmore of Cole County, Missouri, awaits some further proof.

The census schedules of 1830 and 1840 suggest that he had several older children, but nothing has been learned of them. Possibly a part of these died in the cholera epidemic in 1849 in Cole County.

Children:

i. William D., born 25 December 1843. He married Louisa Vogel on 9 July 1878 in Cole County, Missouri. They were living in 1910 at St. Joseph, Buchanan County, Missouri. He was later a guard at the Missouri State Prison and died at his home at 1320 East 36th Street, Kansas City, Wyandotte County, Kansas, on 16 June 1931 aged 87. He is said to have been a Confederate soldier; he was survived by a son and an only sister Mary J. Young. Buried Woodlawn Cemetery, Jefferson City, Missouri.

ii. Mary J., born 1846. She married __ _____ Young. Living in 1931 at 3005 North 21st Street, Kansas City, Kansas.

275. JOSHUA[7] SKIDMORE, was born after 1800 probably in Montgomery County, Kentucky, the son of Samuel (no. 123) Skidmore. He was living on 3 October 1837 in Cole County, Missouri.

Joshua Skidmore sold 40 acres of land for $300.00 to George W. Lansdown on 3 October 1837 described as being in the SE quarter of the NW quarter

of Section 35, Township 44 Range 12 South.

He is not found enumerated in the 1840 census of Cole County. No wife or potential children have been found for him, and we assume that he died soon after unmarried.

276. JOHN S.[7] SKIDMORE, was born in 1806 in Greenup County, Kentucky, the son of Samuel (no. 123) and (perhaps) Nancy (_____) Skidmore. He was living as late as 1860 in Mine Creek Township, Hempstead County, Arkansas. He married in Cole County, Missouri, on 11 April 1833, Mary Thomas, who was born in 1816 in Tennessee. She was a sister of the wife of Samuel Otis Skidmore, they had a brother Marcus (Mark) Thomas, and another sister Mariah who married George Moody.

John Skidmore entered land in 1830 in Section 6, Township 43 Range 12 South in Cole County, Missouri. On 27 June 1836 he and his wife Mary sell to John L. Ferguson 80 acres for $225.00 being the West half of the NE quarter of Section 6, Township 44 Range 11 [sic] South of the Missouri River. Both signed the deed. They seem to have moved immediately to Manque Township, Benton County, Missouri, in company with his brother Samuel Otis Skidmore.

In 1850 and 1860 John S. Skidmore is enumerated in Arkansas. In 1850 he and his wife and their three children are living in Van Buren Township, Crawford County, Arkansas, and in 1860 he is in Mine Creek Township in the same county. His return in 1860 must have been supplied by a neighbor for John S. Skidmore is said to be only 40 and a native of Tennessee (both errors) while his wife Jane is reported to be only 33.

John Skidmore filed a claim for settlement with the office of the Confederate States on 12 November 1864 for the pay and allowances due his son George W. Skidmore who had died in the Confederate Army. Whether or not the Auditor of the Confederate War Department paid this claim is not recorded.

In 1880 John S. Skidmore, aged 71, was living at Hope, Hempstead County, Arkansas, a widower, with his two sons William, aged 28, and Davis, aged 21. He son Charles A. Skidmore was not living at home.

Children:

i. George W., born in 1835. He was mustered in near Mount Vernon, Lawrence County, Missouri, on 17 August 1861 in Company E, 4th Arkansas Infantry. Paid for traveling 380 miles to the rendezvous. He was present at the Battle of Pea Ridge (Elkhorn Tavern) in Benton County, Arkansas. Became sick in Richmond, Madison County, Kentucky, and died in December 1862.

ii. Rebecca A., born 1841. Living at home in 1850.

iii. John, born 1846.

iv. William, born April 1852. He was living at home in 1880 but in 1900 he is found unmarried in the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory (now Oklahoma), in Township 26 North Range 23 East, a laborer. This is now Council House township, Ottawa County, Oklahoma.

v. Charles A., born December 1855. He married Sarah Ellen Miller (1863-1923) and was living in 1900 in Hunt County, Texas. He died 24 July 1924 at Vernon, Wilbarger County, Texas.

vi. Jefferson Davis, born 12 July 1859. He married Martha Ellen Nations (1870-1944) on 7 July 1889 in Franklin County, Texas. They were living in Hopkins County, Texas, in 1900. He died 25 August 1940 aged 81 in Franklin County.

277. SAMUEL OTIS[7] SKIDMORE, was born in 1815 in Greenup County, Kentucky, the son of Samuel (no. 123) and (perhaps) Nancy (_____) Skidmore. He is said to have died about 1854 in Mine Creek Township, Hempstead County, Arkansas. He married Melinda Thomas (a sister of the wife of John S. Skidmore); she was born in 1814 and is said to have died about 1852.

Saml. Skidmore is the head of a family in 1840 in Manque Township, Benton County, Missouri; clearly newly married the schedule lists his wife and himself, both aged 20-30, and another female 50-60 who may have been his mother or perhaps his mother-in-law.

He and his brother John S. Skidmore moved about 1848 to Van Buren Township, Crawford County, Arkansas, where Otis Skidmore and Melinda and their three children are enumerated in 1850. Both parents died soon after and the orphan children made their home with Mariah Moody, a sister of their mother. They later went to Hunt County, Texas, with the Moody family.

Children.

i. Mary Ann, born 1841. She married (1) Alec Barton in Hempstead County, Arkansas; he died about 1861 and she made Confederate uniforms until she married (2) Armstead Miller, also in Hempstead County. She was living with her uncle Marcus (Mark) Thomas in 1860 in Mine Creek Township, Hempstead County, Arkansas. She is said to have moved to Arkansas aged seven and after the Civil War to Hunt County, Texas, with her second husband.

ii. Mariah, born 1846. Died in childhood.

iii. Martha Sarah, born 26 March 1848. She married Mathew Brunson on 20 February 1871 in Hunt County, Texas. She died 4 September 1924 at Tennyson, Coke County, Texas, buried at Bronte in the same county.

iv. John Cadmus, born 1852. He was living in 1860 with his uncle Marcus Thomas in Mine Creek Township, Hempstead County, Arkansas, and in 1870 he was at school in Precinct no. 5 in Hunt County, Texas, living close to his aunt Mariah, wife of George Moody.

278. JOHN[7] SKIDMORE, was born 27 August 1795 in Pendleton County, (West) Virginia, the son of John (no. 124) and Nancy (Pringle) Skidmore. He was living in Pendleton County in 1818.

John Skidmore served as a private in the 46th Regiment of Virginia Militia from the county of Pendleton from 13 February to 7 April 1815. He was paid for one month and 23 days of service at $8.00 per month $14.43. He served under Captain John Hopkins and Lieutenant John Bowers.

John Skidmore appears on the personal property tax list in 1818 in Pendleton County, and then disappears. He is not found in the 1820 census there (or elsewhere) and probably died unmarried.

279. RICHARD[7] SKIDMORE, was born in 1797 in Pendleton County, (West) Virginia the son of John (no. 124) and Nancy (Pringle) Skidmore. He was living as late as 1860 in New Salem Township, Pike County, Illinois. He married (1) Eliza Lewis on 21 December 1819 in Pendleton County, and (2) Keziah Reaves, probably in Ohio. She was born in 1810 in Ohio, and was living his widow in 1868 in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois.

Richard Skidmore was newly married when the census of 1820 was taken in Pendleton County; he and his wife are living alone both aged 16-26. He was still in Pendleton County on 8 April 1829 when he sold personal property to Samuel Johnson to satisfy a debt owed to James Boggs, a storekeeper in Franklin. He had removed by 1830 to the Fifth Ward of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio, where he is enumerated with his wife and four children.

In 1840 Richard Skidmore is listed in the directory of Cincinnati as a carpenter, born Virginia, on the east side of Mill between 3rd and 4th Streets. His family had been decimated by some complaint, and there was only one survivor among the children born before 1830.

He had by 1844 moved to Melrose Township, Adams County, Illinois, where he was farming in 1850, and was still there in 1855 in the state census. In 1860 he is found, a teamster, in New Salem Township, Pike County, Illinois. Mrs. K. Skidmore, no doubt his widow, was living in 1860 on the northwest corner of Third and Ohio Streets in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois. There was no probate on his estate there.

Children:

i. [A son born 1820-5, died young.]
ii. [A daughter, born 1820-5, died young.]
iii. [A son, born 1825, died young.]
iv. [A son, born 1825-30, living 1840.]
v. Thomas B., born 1835 at Cincinnati. He married Martha A. Hedger on 3 December 1865 at New Salem, Pike County, Illinois. He enlisted 5 September 1861 in Company G, 5th Illinois Cavalry. Taken prisoner on 22 October 1862 at Helena, Arkansas, paroled 28 October. Reenlisted in Pike County, and was discharged 27 October 1865. He died 7 April 1892 at Sacramento, Sacramento County, California. His widow married (2) about 1902 _____ West.
vi. Benjamin, born 1839. Living at home in 1860.
vii. Elizabeth A., born 1844 in Illinois. Living at home in 1860.
viii. Rebecca, born 1849. Living at home in 1860.
ix. Joan, born 14 September 1851. She married Samuel Barton Pepper (1845-1929) on 13 August 1868 in Adams County, Illinois. She died there 27 July 1929.

280. JOHN JESSE[7] SKIDMORE, was born in 1809 in Greenup County, Kentucky, the son of Joseph (no. 125) and Elizabeth (_____) Skidmore. He had died in Newton County, Missouri, before 13 April 1858. He married Hannah, probably a daughter of Isaac Roy; she was born in 1816 in Kentucky and was living in 1860 in Newton County, Missouri.

He purchased land in 1836 in Section 10, Township 42 Range 11 South in Cole County, Missouri, and was living there in the 1840 census. He had moved by 1850 to Shoal Creek Township, Newton County, Missouri. His widow "Haner" is enumerated there in 1860 (post office, Grand Falls), but she and all of her children are gone in 1870. There are no Skidmore marriages in the county to the year 1869 and the Skidmores found later in Newton County are all black. None of her three sons has been found in the 1880 or 1900 census.

Isaac Roye was appointed administrator of John J. Skidmore on 13 April 1858 in Newton County.

Children: (All living at home in 1860)

i. Margaret, born 1839.
ii. William, born 1841.
iii. Isaac, born 1845.
iv. Alfred, born 1849.
v. Mary, born 1851.
vi. Dorcas, born 1854.
vii. Sarah, born 1856.

281. NATHAN[7] SKIDMORE, was born in 1811 in Greenup County, Kentucky, the son of Joseph (no. 125) and Elizabeth (_____) Skidmore. He was living in 1850 in Laclede County, Missouri. He married Elizabeth Jane, the daughter of Reuben Sullens; she was born in 1812 in Wayne County, Kentucky, and died in Laclede County, Missouri, about 1855.

Nathan Skidmore was enumerated in the 1850 census of Laclede County, Missouri, but probably died soon after. John D. Shield was appointed the administrator of Elizabeth Skidmore, no doubt his widow in February 1855 in Laclede County.

The six orphaned children of Nathan Skidmore were widely dispersed by 1860. Joseph, who was blind, was living in Texas County, Missouri, with his uncle John T. Sullens and his family. Reuben was called an apprentice in the household of Isaac Robertson in Pulaski County; he seems to have later married a daughter of the Robertson family. John and Hannah were probably living with John G. Reynolds in Webster County, Missouri (but Hannah is called Catherine in the 1860 census of this household). John might also be the Jack E. Salen [sic] Skidmore who was living on the County Farm in Cole County in 1860 although his age is given there as 6 years of age (his age does not agree but his middle name, Sullens, makes the identification likely). Also enumerated at the Cole County Farm in 1860 was a Mary Skidmore, aged 15, who may have been his sister Hannah.

Children:

i. Elizabeth, born 1838. Living at home in 1850.

ii. Joseph, born January 1840. He was living in 1860 and in 1880 in Boone Township, Texas County, Missouri. He was blind and never married. Living in 1900 and 1910 with his brother Reuben in Roubidoux Township, Pulaski Township, Missouri.

iii. Reuben, born 14 February 1842. He married Caroline Robertson. He enlisted in Company A, 48th Missouri Infantry, on 30 July 1864 at Waynesville, Pulaski County, Missouri. He was mustered out on 29 June 1865. Pensioned in 1890. He died 23 May 1937 in Roubidoux Township, Pulaski County, Missouri; buried at Palace in that county.

iv. John, born 1844.

v. Hannah, born July 1848. Never married, she was living with her brother Reuben in Roubidoux Township, Pulaski County, Missouri, in 1900 and 1910.

vi. William L., born January 1850. He married Margaret J. _____ about 1875 and they were living in 1880 in Ozark Township Webster County, Missouri, where he worked on the railroad. They had moved by 1900 to Maple Street in the village of Niangua only a few miles away in the same county and were there again in 1910. Three children.

282. RUFUS W.[7] SKIDMORE, was born in 1815 in Greenup County, Kentucky, the son of Joseph (no. 125) and Elizabeth (_____) Skidmore. He was living in Osage Township, Cole County, Missouri, in the 1880 census. He married Susan C. _____, who was born in 1818 in Alabama. She was living 13 February 1892 in Cole County when she signed her will.

Rufus Skidmore was living in Pulaski County, Missouri, in 1840, but he returned to Cole County soon after and was enumerated there in the 1850, 1860, and 1880 census. He seems to have been overlooked in the 1870 census of Pulaski County.

There are several deeds on record in Cole County for Rufus Skidmore. On 11 April 1868 he conveyed to his wife Susan for $5.00 40 acres being the West half of lot no. 2 of NE quarter of Section 1, Township 43 Range 12 South. It is signed with his mark.

Rufus and his wife are living alone in Osage Township, Cole County, Missouri, in the 1880 census. Susan Skidmore left a brief will dated 13 February 1892. She left $1.00 to her daughter Rosanna M. Coleman, and the residue of her estate was left to her daughter Amanda English who was to be the executrix. The witnesses were Paul Gilson Ewing, Thomas Sanderson, and James English.

Children:

i. John, born 1839. Not found in 1860; probably died young.
ii. Rosanna Margaret, born 3 January 1840. She married George W. Coleman (1818-1892) on 14 January 1868. She was living in 1892. They are buried in the Mt. Carmel Cemetery at Brazito, Missouri; her stone apparently has no death date.
iii. Zeralda C., born 1848. She married Joseph S. Wright on 21 August 1871 in Cole County. Not remembered in her mother's will.
iv. Susan, born 1852. No further record.
v. Amanda, born 1855. She married James English, and was living in 1892.
vi. Joseph C., born 1860. No further record.

283. ALFRED F.[7] SKIDMORE, was born in 1818 in Greenup County, Kentucky the son of Joseph (no. 125) and Elizabeth (_____) Skidmore. He was a school teacher in 1850 in Laclede County, Missouri. He married Ann Eliza (Anneliza) _____ who was born in Kentucky in 1831 (1850 census) or on 2 August 1836 (tombstone). She died 31 July 1887 and is buried in the cemetery at the Good Springs Baptist Church near Niangua, Webster County, Missouri.

On 24 October 1842 Alfred F. Skidmore of Cole County, Missouri, sold to

Rufus Skidmore 40 acres for $150.00 being the SE quarter of the SW quarter of Section 24, Township 44 Range 12 South. He moved soon after to Laclede County, but little has been learned of him there other than his enumeration in the 1850 census.

Alfred F. Skidmore had died before the 1870 census was taken. His widow and their six children were living in that year in Dallas Township, Webster County, Missouri. In 1880 the widow and her six children (all still unmarried) were in Ozark Township in the same county.

Children:

i. Mary E., born 1848. Living at home in 1880.
ii. Margaret J., born 1850. Living at home in 1880.
iii. Alexander William D., born March 1856. He married, about 1888, Margaret E. Haggard. They were living in 1900 in North Campbell Township, Greene County, Missouri. They were divorced by 1910 when he was living alone in West Dallas Township, Webster County, Missouri.
iv. Lydia J. (Leddy), born 1859. Living at home in 1880.
v. Joseph F., born January 1862. He married Emma Burford, and was a blacksmith living on Olive Street in the village of Niangua, Webster County, Missouri, in 1900.
vi. Caroline C., born 1864. Living at home in 1880.

284. NELSON[7] SKIDMORE, was born in 1820 in Greenup County, Kentucky, the son of Joseph (no. 125) and Elizabeth (_ _) Skidmore. He was living in 1850, but dead in 1853. He married Emily J. Sullens on 23 December 1847 in Cole County, Missouri, who was born in 1832 in Kentucky. She married (2) William G. Musick on 31 December 1853 in Cole County.

He was enumerated, a farmer, in the 1850 census of Cole County.

Child:

i. Sarah Margaret, born 21 July 1850. In 1860 she was living with her mother and stepfather in Clark Township, Cole County. She married (1) James Madison Johnson (1852-1881) on 1 May 1869 at Tuscumbia, Miller County, Missouri he is buried at Sherman, Grayson County, Texas, and (2) Mathias Heisinstein (1850-1925) on 22 March 1885, he is buried at Ketchum, Craig County, Oklahoma. Sarah Margaret died 22 January 1917 and is buried at Lead Hill, Wright County, Missouri.

285. JOSEPH[7] SKIDMORE, was born 22 November 1812 in Pendleton County, the son of James (no. 126) and Mary (Lough) Skidmore, and had died

before the 1840 census at Monticello, White County, Indiana. He married Emeranda, who was born in 1811 the daughter of William Butt, on 26 June 1834 in Pendleton County. She married (2) David Archibald, Jr., on 5 November 1843 in White County, Indiana, and (3) by 1850, Daniel Nyce. She was living in White County in 1850.

He moved from Pendleton County to Monticello, White County, Indiana, in 1834. The town of Monticello was laid out on 3 November 1834 and Joseph Skidmore, a blacksmith, was living there then.

On 4 March 1835 Joseph and Emeranda gave a deed for his fifth interest in the lands of his father to George Hammer of Pendleton County, and on 10 September 1835 they gave a similar deed for the fifth interest that Joseph Skidmore had in the right of his mother in the land of George Lough, his grandfather, in Nicholas County, Virginia.

Joseph Skidmore voted in the presidential election at Monticello in 1836, but was dead in 1840.

Child:

i. Mary E., born 1835. She married Joseph Gay on 9 February 1851 in White County.

286. JAMES[7] SKIDMORE, was born 12 May 1817 in Pendleton County, (West) Virginia, the son of James (no. 126) and Mary (Lough) Skidmore, and died in the same county on 9 May 1878. He is buried in the Mt. Hiser Cemetery in Franklin. He married (1) on 11 April 1837 Catherine, the daughter of Henry and Parmelia (Skidmore) Halterman; she was born in 1815 and died 29 June 1870 aged 55, and is buried beside her husband in the Mt. Hiser Cemetery. He married (2) Susan H., the daughter of Thomas F. and Mary Ann (Lough) Payne, on 25 March 1871; she was born 11 January 1840 and died 21 June 1897 aged 57 years, 5 months, 10 days. She married as her 2nd husband John Kiser on 11 October and is buried in the Cedar Hill Cemetery.

On 23 June 1838 James and Catherine Skidmore gave a deed in Pendleton County selling his fifth interest in his father's lands to George Hammer.

James Skidmore succeeded his father as a saddler in the town of Franklin in a shop owned in 1948 by Mrs. Ann Ruddle. He had a lucrative trade as everyone took pride in their horses and saddles. He was succeeded, in turn, by his son Joseph Clark Skidmore who plied the trade until the automobile replaced the horse. His home at Franklin was torn down in 1947; all of his children were born here. The oldest part was made of logs which had been framed over. Later frame additions made it a two story house with a long veranda on both floors with a shake roof.

Children:

i. Mary M., born 6 December 1840. She married Isaac C. Ruddle (1837-1916). He was a tanner at Franklin, and a Second Lieutenant in Company F, 42nd Virginia Infantry, C.S.A. She died 30 August 1915, buried Cedar Hill Cemetery, Franklin.

ii. Joseph Clark, born 29 June 1843. He married Barbara E. Beveridge (1850-1906). He served in Company E, 25th Virginia Infantry, and Company A, 46th Virginia Militia, C.S.A. He died 6 January 1930 at Franklin.

iii. Rebecca J., born 1846. She married John McClure (1838-1915) on 26 September 1867. He was a merchant at Franklin. She died in 1923, buried Cedar Hill Cemetery, Franklin.

iv. Ann Eliza, born 9 November 1848. She married (1)Andrew W. Dyer (1836-____) on 24 August 1871, and (2) James Evick (1851-1904). She died at Franklin on 7 July 1907, buried Cedar Hill Cemetery.

287. JAMES[7] SKIDMORE, was born in 1792 in Lincoln County, Kentucky, the son of Joseph (no.127) and Hannah (McKinney) Skidmore. He had died by 12 January 1826. He married Lucinda (Lucy) Tombs on 24 September 1817 in Lincoln County; she married (2) Benjamin Reynolds on 18 April 1831 in Lincoln County. The Reynolds disappear from Lincoln County soon after their marriage.

James Skidmore is found first in the tax lists in 1815 as James Skidmore, Junior (he had an uncle of the same name in Lincoln County), and thereafter through 1825. He is usually taxed on 2 horses and 1 slave.

He is enumerated in the 1820 census with a wife aged 16-26 and a daughter under 10. He was a bondsman on 21 January 1822 for the marriage of his sister Pamelia to still another Benjamin Reynolds.

He was dead before the January Court of 1826. Lucy Skidmore sent a certificate relinquishing her right to serve as his administrator and requested that William H. Tombs be granted the administration. He made bond for $300.00 with John E. Wright and Ambrose Tombs as securities. An inventory of the estate was taken on 12 January 1826. It listed the usual farming and household implements, cattle, six silver spoons, etc. At the estate sale William H. Tombs bid in many small items for the widow. Daniel Skidmore bought some books from the estate. A total of $145.73 1/2 was recorded at the April Court by Tombs.

James Skidmore is said to have died in North Carolina by the descendants of this family (which is probably a misapprehension). His children were left $1.00 in the will of their grandfather Skidmore in 1846.

Nothing further has been learned of Lucinda (Tombs) Skidmore Reynolds.

Her children, apparently all daughters, seem to have been wards of their maternal uncle William H. Tombs (1799-____). Tombs had settled by 1840 in Nodaway Township, in what is now Andrew (then Buchanan) County, Missouri. In 1850 Tombs is farming there in a household adjoining, most curiously, Pamelia (Skidmore) Reynolds who was a paternal aunt of the children of James Skidmore. (It is possible that Ann P. Tombs, the wife of William, was some kin of the Reynolds family.)

Children:

i. Sarah (probably), born 1818-20? She married James Davis on 2 November 1840 in Buchanan County (which then included Andrew County), Missouri. Nelson Witt, J.P., officiated at the wedding. They have not been identified in the 1850 census.

ii. Mary A., born 1823. She married Sashel R. Reynolds (1819-____) on 16 February 1842 in Andrew County. They were living there in Nodaway Township in 1850; in 1860 she was there a widow with five children, and called a "farmeress."

iii. Polly. She married James B. Pendleton on 22 September 1842 in Andrew County, Missouri.

288. DANIEL[7] SKIDMORE, was born in Lincoln County, Kentucky, on 27 December 1798 the son of Joseph (no. 127) and Hannah (McKinney) Skidmore. He died on 9 March 1886 in Washington Township, Nodaway County, Missouri, aged 88. He married (1) Elizabeth Carman on 10 May 1837 in Casey County, Kentucky; she died in 1846, and (2) Millie, the daughter of Hugh and Charity (Barnett) Caldwell on 9 September 1847 in Lincoln County. She was born in January 1823 and was living in 1910 with her son Hugh C. Skidmore in Washington Township, Nodaway County, Missouri, aged 86.

Daniel Skidmore patented two tracts on the Green River of 12 and 68 acres in the year 1853. He and his family are enumerated in the 1860 census at Hustonville in Lincoln County but on 29 September 1860 he sold the land on Hanging Fork inherited from his father for $4,493.00, disposed of all of his negroes, and moved to Missouri. He settled in 1861 in in Nodaway County on Section 16 on a farm of 396 acres. His widowed sister Parmelia Ellington had joined him there by the time of the 1880 census.

A newspaper obituary of Daniel Skidmore calls him "a true Southern gentleman."

Children: (First wife)

i. Catherine, born 1838. She married Francis Marion Walls on 23 December 1856 in Lincoln County, Kentucky.

ii. Mary Ann, born 1839. Never married, she died 9 November

1858 at the age of 19.

iii. Joseph, born 31 December 1841. He was educated at Highland Academy in Lincoln County. He married Mary Ann Thompson (1847-1925) on 17 January 1867 at Guilford, Missouri. He enlisted as a First Sergeant in Company K, 43rd Missouri Infantry on 10 August 1864 at Marysville, Missouri. Mustered out 30 June 1865. He served as Nodaway County Collector in 1879 and 1880. He lived in Grant Township, Nodaway County, where he died 14 March 1929. Had thirteen children.

iv. Sarah Jane, born 1842. She married Alexander Floyd on 15 February 1866 at Guilford, Nodaway County, Missouri.

(Second wife)

v. Hugh Caldwell, born July 1850. He married Ann Jane Todd on 9 September 1869 at Guilford, Missouri. They were living in 1900 in Washington Township, Nodaway County.

289. PEYTON R.[7] SKIDMORE, was born in 1795 in Lincoln County, Kentucky, the son of John (no. 128) and Sarah (McClure) Skidmore. He was dead by 4 March 1833 when the administration was granted to his widow. He married (1) on 7 April 1823 in Lincoln County, Kentucky, Patsy, a daughter of Elijah Ridgeway, and (2) on 13 January 1830 in Boone County, Missouri, Mildred (Millie) Vanlandingham. She married (2) Jacob Straughn in 1835, by whom she had other children. She was born in Kentucky in 1815.

Peyton Skidmore was a bondsman on 20 February 1817 in Lincoln County for the marriage of his sister Mary ("Sally") to Archibald Parker. He is listed in the tax lists of Lincoln County from 1817 through the year 1826. He is missing in 1827 having gone to Missouri.

The administration on his estate was given to the widow Mildred Skidmore and to Jacob Straughn (who she subsequently married) on 4 March 1833 in Boone County, Missouri. The Straughns are enumerated in that county in the 1850 census.

Children: (First wife)

i. Louisa, born 1824.

ii. Gabriella.

413. iii. William R., born 1827.

(Second wife)

iv. Mary Elizabeth, born 1830. She married Josiah Roberts on 10 May 1846 in Boone County, Missouri. They are not found in the 1850 census of that county.

290. JAMES C.[7] SKIDMORE, was born in 1797 in Lincoln County, Kentucky, the son of John (no. 128) and Sarah (McClure) Skidmore. He died of dropsy on 5 July 1862 at Barbourville, Knox County, Kentucky, while serving in the Union Army. He married three times, to (1) Polly Hutchinson on 17 February 1822 in Casey County, Kentucky, and (2) Nancy R. Adams (previously the widow of Mathew Coffey) on 23 December 1834 in Casey County, Kentucky. She had two sons by her first husband, and at the September 1852 Court in Taylor County, Kentucky, she had her name legally changed from Nancy Skidmore back to Nancy Coffey. He married (3) Nancy Sandeford on 28 December 1844 in Lincoln County; James Sandeford was the surety. She died 30 January 1863, aged 46.

James Skidmore was enumerated in Edmonson County, Kentucky, in 1830, in Casey County in 1840, and in Lincoln County in 1850. There are land records for him in all three counties. In 1838 he and his wife Nancy D. Skidmore sold 91 acres on Buck Creek in Lincoln County to James Spires for $150.00; it had been purchased from John Spires "and whereon the said Skidmore now lives."

In 1849 Jesse D. Skidmore and John D. Skidmore went to live with their half brother, William A. Coffey, in Schuyler County, Missouri, and are enumerated in the county as boys of 14 and 12 in the 1850 census. In the 1860 census Jane Skidmore, aged 11, is living with her aunt Jane Sandeford, wife of Campbell Duncan, in Lincoln County.

Nancy D. Skidmore, his second wife, was living in Taylor County, Kentucky, aged 47, in 1850. J. C. Skidmore, aged 53, Nancy, his third wife, aged 33, and their two children Sarah, aged 4 and J. L., aged 2, are living in Lincoln County in the same year.

James C. Skidmore was enrolled on 8 October 1861 at Camp Harrod, in Harrodsburg, Mercer County, Kentucky, in Company C, 19th Kentucky Volunteers, to serve for three years, lying about his age stating that he was then 42 (he was in fact aged 64). He died on 5 July 1862 at the General Hospital at Barbourville, Kentucky. Medical reports from the doctors at the hospital state that he has the body of a much older man than his papers would allow: "he is in my opinion over Fifty years of age and has never been able to do but little since he was enlisted." Robert Blain was named the guardian of his minor children in Lincoln County, Kentucky.

Children: (First wife)

i. James C., born 1833. He was living with his brother Jesse D. in 1880 at Memphis, Scotland County, Missouri. Dr. Skidmore had been appointed his curator on 18 June 1877, and a final settlement was made on 10 June 1882. He presumably died unmarried.

(Second wife)

ii. Dr. Jesse D., born 18 November 1836. He married Amanda M., the daughter of Lewis Stone of Lee County, Iowa, (previously the widow of _____ Ladd) in May 1861. He graduated from the St. Louis Medical College in 1857 and practiced for five years in Adair County, Missouri, when he moved to California and the west. He returned to Memphis, Missouri, in 1867. He was a Democrat, and a member of the State Legislature in 1882. They were living in 1910 at Memphis, Scotland County, Missouri.

iii. John Oscar, born October 1838. He married (1) Mary Tilema Hale (1855-1881) in Scotland County, Missouri, and (2) Sarah J. _____. He removed from Memphis, Missouri, to Kalispell, Flathead County, Montana, by 1900 and is said to have died there.

iv. Charles S., born 1841. He was living in 1850 with Rowland Gooch in Lincoln County. Probably died young; no further record.

(Third wife)

v. Sarah, born 1846. Died before her father.

vi. Jane Lucinda, born 31 March 1848.

vii. Mary Elizabeth, born 13 September 1851.

viii. James Campbell, born 13 March 1861. He was living, a bachelor, at Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming in 1900.

291. ELIJAH BAKER[7] SKIDMORE, was born in Kentucky, the son of John (no. 128) and Sarah (McClure) Skidmore. He had died before 25 January 1847 in Jefferson Township, Johnson County, Missouri. He married Agnes, the daughter of William and Elizabeth (___ ____) Long; she was born in 1811 in Virginia, and married (2) Jeremiah Crowley on 13 July 1848.

There are several deeds in Lincoln County for Baker Skidmore. On 28 July 1836 Baker and Agnes Skidmore, and Joseph and Lucy Skidmore, sell to Bromfield Long the interest of Agnes and Lucy Skidmore as daughters and heirs of William Long, deceased. On 8 August 1836 Elijah B. Skidmore sells his land on Buck Creek to Godfrey Young containing 150 acres for $425.00. He moved to Jefferson Township, Johnson County, Missouri, in the same year, and is enumerated there in the 1840 census.

He had died in Johnson County before 25 January 1847 when his widow applied for administration on his estate. He left heirs William B., John H. [sic], Martha Ann, James B., Sally Jane, and Elizabeth Skidmore all living in Johnson County in 1847. Martha Ann seems to have died before the 1850 census was taken.

Children:

i. William B., born 1831. He was living, a farm laborer, in 1850 in Henry County, Missouri, aged 19. By 1860 he had moved to Cottonwood Township, Yolo County, California, where he was still a bachelor and dealing in stock. In 1870 he and his wife Mary E. Martin were living in Stony Creek Township, Colusa County, California; he was there in 1880, a widower, with his four children.

ii. John Nathan, born 12 January 1833. He married Sydney Lamberton on 28 August 1858 at Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon. Judge Skidmore went over the old Oregon Trial to Oregon driving a team of oxen, the trip taking about six months. He served in the Oregon Mounted Volunteers in the Cayuse Indian War of 1855-6. He moved in 1867 from Portland to Oak Point, Thurston County, Washington, and in 1872 to a farm at Willapa Harbor on the present site of South Bend, Washington. He was one of the first settlers there and served as a Justice of the Peace for many years; he and his wife celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary on 28 August 1917. He died at South Bend, Pacific County, Washington on 22 July 1922, buried I.O.O.F. Cemetery.

iii. Martha Ann, born 1835. Living 1847, but probably died young.

iv. James B., born July 1836. He married Sarah E. Berry on 6 October 1867 in Johnson County. They were both living there in Washington Township in 1900 but in 1910 they were living with their son-in-law William M. Dunham at Wichita, Sedgwick County, Kansas.

v. Sarah Jane, born 1842. She married Johnson Hayes on 2 February 1865.

vi. Elizabeth Melvina, born 1845. She married William Francis Conley on 15 September 1869 in Johnson County, Missouri.

292. JOSEPH E.[7] SKIDMORE, was born in 1812 in Barren County, Kentucky, the son of John (no. 128) and Sarah (McClure) Skidmore. He died at Knob Noster in Washington Township, Johnson County, Missouri, in 1883, aged 71. He married (1) Lucy, the daughter of William and Elizabeth (_____) Long; she was born in 1812 and was a sister of the wife of Elijah B. Skidmore, a native of Virginia, on 24 November 1835 in Lincoln County, Kentucky, and (2) Margaret E. Livingood, a spinster, who was born in 1830 in North Carolina, on 5 August 1854 in Johnson County, Missouri.

He followed his brother Elijah B. Skidmore to Missouri in 1838. Joseph Skidmore was enrolled on 24 September 1864 at Warrensburg in the Citizen Guard as a private; he served from 2 October 1864 to 4 November 1864 under Lieutenant Charles Culver.

Joseph E. Skidmore was blind for some years before his death. His will

dated 19 July 1883 provides for a tombstone to be erected at his grave. He devised all his real estate (240 acres) and his personal estate to his wife, and mentions his children Payton, Mary E. Shumate, Sarah A. McDanal [sic]), William B., Margaret J. Horseman, John D., Martha H. Youngblood, Joseph A., Thomas B., and Nancy L. (who was to have his feather bed). The will was proved on 27 October 1883.

Children: (First wife)

i. Peyton, born December 1836. He married Mary Smith on 27 October 1864. They were living in 1890 at Osborne City, Osborne County, Kansas, and in 1900 at Aztec, San Juan County, New Mexico.
ii. Benton, born 1839. He married Susan _____. They were living in 1870 in Livingston County, Missouri.
iii. Mary E., born 1842. She married Isaac Shumate (Shoemate) on 25 August 1872.
iv. Sarah A., born 1845. She married Thomas H. B. McDaniel on 14 May 1863.
v. William Baker, born November 1849. He married Amanda Jane Smith on 30 August 1868. They were living at Warrensburg, Johnson County, Missouri, in 1910.
vi. Margaret J., born 1851. She married Lewis J. Harman on 24 December 1868.

(Second wife)

vii. John D., born 1855. He married Nannie L. East on 14 February 1882 in Henry County, Missouri.
viii. Martha H. (Mattie), born 1857. She married James Youngblood on 12 December 1881 in Johnson County.
ix. Joseph A., born September 1860. He married Martha B. Taylor on 22 December 1881. They were living in Montserrat Township, Johnson County, Missouri, in 1900. He was a widower in 1910.
x. Thomas B., born 1862. He married Mary A. Grace on 19 August 1885 at Knob Noster. They were living there in 1910.
xi. James, born 1864. Living 1870, but died young.
xii. Nancy L., born 1868. She married James Harvey Sneed of Grant City, Worth County, Missouri, on 25 August 1886 at Knob Noster.

293. JAMES[7] SKIDMORE, was born in 1799 in Botetourt County, Virginia, the son of Randolph (no. 129) and Eleanor (Sloan) Skidmore. He died 11 January 1840 in Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana. He married Ruth Patterson on 19 September 1829 in Nicholas County, Virginia, probably in that part now Fayette County, West Virginia. (William Carnefix who performed the ceremony lived at the mouth of Meadow River on the Gauley.) She was born in 1813 and was living in 1860 in Bloomfield Township,

Davis County, Iowa. She died there before 30 April 1862.

He is probably the James Skidmore who was living in Lemon Township, Butler County, Ohio, in 1830, although the return does not agree precisely with what is known of his family. His daughter Ellen, however, is said to have been born in 1832 in Ohio.

Ruth Skidmore and Samuel M. Orchard gave bond on 13 February 1849 for $300.00 for Ruth to administer her late husband's estate. Among the bills was a receipt to Mrs. Ruth Skidmore for medical attention for James Skidmore during his last illness from 7 to 11 January 1840 for $6.62. The inventory on 18 February lists his carpenter's tools, etc., and totaled $146.37 1/2. On 23 November 1850 Samuel H. Buskirk of Monroe County, Indiana, was appointed the guardian of Ellen M. Reeves, Eliza J. Skidmore, James M. Skidmore, and Sarah J. Skidmore, the minor heirs of James Skidmore. On the same day Buskirk sold to Peyton R. Skidmore and Allen T. Skidmore the 20 acres set apart in 1847 from the lands of Randolph Skidmore in Botetourt County, Virginia, for his grandchildren in Indiana. Ruth Skidmore, the widow, gave a similar deed to her brothers-in-law for her dower in the tract.

Ruth Skidmore died in Davis County, Iowa, before 30 April 1862 when a distribution was made to her heirs by James M. Skidmore, the administrator. Her heirs were James M. Skidmore, Eliza Kittman [sic], Sarah Jane Skidmore, William Skidmore, and Flora Reeves, the last two being minors.

Children:

i. Harriet Ellen, born 1832 in Ohio. She married Austin Reeves on 26 October 1846 in Monroe County, Indiana. She was dead in 1862 when her daughter Flora was an heir to her grandmother.

ii. James M., born in 1834 in Indiana. He was a printer in the 1850 census. Living in 1862 in Davis County, Iowa.

iii. Eliza L., born 1836. She married Harvey B. Kittleman on 27 September 1854 in Monroe County, Indiana.

iv. Sarah Jane, born 1839. Living in Davis County, Iowa, in 1862, unmarried.

v. William M., born 1842. Living in Davis County, Iowa, in 1862, a minor. In 1900 he was living unmarried at 1014 Third Street, Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa. He was then a boarder with Charles L. Bauer and is stated to have been born in September 1843. (It does not seem that he can have been a son of James Skidmore, although he had his name.)

294. ARCHIBALD SLOAN[7] SKIDMORE, was born in 1801 in Botetourt County, Virginia, the son of Randolph (no. 129) and Eleanor (Sloan) Skidmore. He had apparently died before the census of 1840 was taken in Ripley

District, Jackson County, (West) Virginia, but must have been living as late as 1839. He married Sarah, a daughter of William Anderson, on 15 June 1826; she was born in Botetourt County on 14 June 1800 and died 18 June 1875 at the home of her daughter Mrs. Pringle at Fairplain, Jackson County, at the age of 75 years and 4 days. She is buried in the Pringle Cemetery near her daughter.

Archibald S. Skidmore and his family moved to Jackson County about 1831 or 1832 settling on 199 acres on the west side of Mill Creek; on 27 March 1843 Charles Carney gave his widow and her seven children (who are named) a deed for this tract. On 13 September 1837 Archibald and Sarah sold for $300.00 all of his interest in his father's lands on the James River to his brother David Skidmore; both parties to this deed are called "of Botetourt County."

How long Archibald Sloan Skidmore lived after this date is unknown. His wife (presumably widow) is the head of her family in the 1840 and 1850 census of Jackson County. There is some confusion here as he is said to have been present at the lottery disposing of his father's lands in Botetourt County on 21 September 1847 (but this must have been a clerical error). He is not found in Virginia (or elsewhere) in the 1850 census.

Children:

i. Eleanor Ann, born 1827. She married Charles Roach on 27 August 1842. He was a farmer and they were living in Wirt County, (West) Virginia, in 1850.

ii. Martha Ann, born 12 September 1828. She married Gilbert Pringle (1828-____) on 13 April 1843. He was a farmer in Jackson County. She died 17 March 1901 and is buried in the Pringle Cemetery at Fairplain, West Virginia.

iii. Sarah Angeline, born 1831. She married James M. Reynolds (1827-1891) on 15 March 1847. She died 23 March 1870 aged 39 and is buried in the Reynolds Cemetery on their farm at the intersection of Route 21 at Fairplain, West Virginia.

iv. Elizabeth Lewis, born 1834. She married Isaac Marshall Cunningham on 6 June 1850. They moved to Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio, where he was a ship carpenter. She died there about 1901 aged 78.

v. Alexander Allen, born March 1836. He married Mary Magdalena Castro (1835-1909) on 24 August 1854. He served in the Jackson County Home Guards during the Civil War. He had a farm at the mouth of the Buffalo Lick on Tug Fork acquired from his father-in-law Isaac Castro and owned a furniture store at Ripley in Jackson County in 1905. He died 7 January 1913 aged 77 years, 10 months and 7 days.

vi. Lavinia Elizabeth (Betty), born 1837. She married Henry Rollins on 12 August 1857. He was a Confederate soldier serving in Company G 10th Virginia Cavalry (Jackson

Rangers).

vii. Archibald Stone, born 26 April 1840. He married (1) Elizabeth J. Waugh (1841-1879) on 17 July 1861 who is buried near her parents in the Parchment Hill Cemetery near Given, West Virginia, and (2) Emma R. Winget (1862-1950) on 13 January 1881. He enlisted in Company K, 13 Virginia Infantry on 1 January 1864 and was discharged 22 June 1865. He is said to have served earlier as a Sergeant in the Jackson County Home Guards. He was a farmer at Given in the Parchment Valley in Jackson County and was pensioned in 1878. He and his second wife are buried in the Given Cemetery. His widow was living in 1910 in Jackson County with her son-in-law Alexis Parsons.

295. ANDREW[7] SKIDMORE, was born about 1803 in Botetourt County, Virginia, the son of Randolph (no. 129) and Eleanor (Sloan) Skidmore. He had died before the 1850 census was taken.

Andrew Skidmore was the head of a family in the 1840 census that apparently included himself (age 30-40), his two younger brothers (both aged 20-30), his mother (aged 60-70), and another female aged 50-60. He was living 12 July 1845 when he gave a deed to his brother David Skidmore for his interest in the lands belonging formerly to their father on the James River.

He was dead by 9 September 1854 when David and Jane Skidmore, Leonard and Sarah Balew, Anthony R. and Eleanor Ogden, sell the same 60 acres on the James River to their brothers Peyton R. and Allen T. Skidmore. This deed mentions the interest once held in the tract by their mother Eleanor Skidmore and their brother Andrew Skidmore, both deceased.

296. DAVID[7] SKIDMORE was born in 1807 in Botetourt County, Virginia, the son of Randolph (no. 129) and Eleanor (Sloan) Skidmore. He died 16 January 1882 in the same county, and is buried in the High Bridge Presbyterian Church Cemetery. He married on 16 December 1839 Susan Jane Wright in Botetourt County; she was born in 1814 in Bedford County, Virginia, and was living with her husband in the 1880 census in Buchanan District, Botetourt County, Virginia.

On 15 January 1852 David Skidmore sold to William L. Owens an acre of land for $1.00 in Botetourt County. In 1882 the administration of his estate was given to his son John J. Skidmore.

Children:

i. Sarah A. (Sally), born 1842. Never married, she was living with her brother-in-law James Browning in 1910.

ii. John J., born 16 February 1845. He married Mary B. Boyd

(1851-1888). They were living in 1880 at Pattonsburg in Botetourt County but moved to Charleston, Kanawha County, West Virginia, where he died 23 December 1890.

iii. Charles H., born 1847. Dead 1860.

iv. Mary F., born 1849. She married Nowel Mason.

v. William, born May 1852. He married Julia P. Booze. They were living in 1910 in Buchanan District, Botetourt County.

vi. Louisa Elizabeth, born 1855. She married James Browning. They were living in 1900 in Buchanan District, Botetourt County.

vii. Fanny, born 1860. Living at home in 1880. She married _____ Mason. They had no children.

297. WELCH[7] SKIDMORE, was born in 1816 in Lincoln County, Kentucky, the son of James (no. 130) and Polly (Gooch) Skidmore. He was living in 1860 in Lincoln County. He married Elizabeth (Betsey) Gooch on 23 April 1839; Rowland Gooch was the bondsman. She was born in 1822 and was also living in 1860.

Welch Skidmore first appears on the tax lists in Lincoln County in 1843. In 1844 he is taxed on 150 acres on the Green River, worth $150.00. On 30 April 1849 Welsh Skidmore and Elizabeth sell to Benjamin R. Walls for $30.00 a parcel of 11 acres on the headwaters of Maple Swamp and the fork of Buck Creek on the road from Somerset to Stanford in Lincoln County.

He is called a carpenter in the 1850 census. No probate has been found for him.

Children:

i. Eliza Ann, born 1840. She married Edmund C. Bennett on 1 December 1856.

ii. Frances Ann, born 1842. She married Granville L. Marshon in 1860.

iii. Mary (Polly), born 1843. She married Thomas Self in 1865.

iv. Emily, born 1845. Died young.

v. Winford, born 12 March 1848. He married Agnes Jane Gooch (1851-1944) on 24 December 1874. He died 7 June 1922, they are buried in the Gooch Cemetery at King's Mountain.

vi. James, born 1850. He was living in 1860.

vii. John, born 24 January 1854. He married Margaret Ann Cooley (1857-1934) on 19 December 1876. He died 10 January 1935; they are buried in the Buffalo Springs Cemetery at Stanford.

viii. William, born May 1856. He married Martha S. Gooch in 1878. They were living at Stanford in 1900.

ix. Craig, born 11 March 1858. He married Sarah C. Hafley on 5 December 1884.

x. Green, born 4 April 1860. He married Dorcas Ann Daughtery

(1872-1907) on 23 June 1890. They were living at Stanford in the 1900 census. He died 24 September 1909; buried Gooch Cemetery at King's Mountain in Lincoln County.

298. SHELBY[7] SKIDMORE was born in 1820 in Lincoln County, Kentucky, the son of James (no. 130) and Polly (Gooch) Skidmore. He died in the same county before 9 June 1902 when his will was recorded. He married Elizabeth, the daughter of William Nix, Sr. She was born in May 1817 and was living with him at Waynesburg in the 1900 census; they were married on 28 October 1842 in Lincoln County.

On 9 April 1860 Shelby and Betsey Skidmore sell to William Nix 40 acres on Buck Creek for $100.00. They are enumerated in the same year living at Stamford, and in 1870 and 1880 are living within Highland Precinct.

Shelby Skidmore left a will dated 10 March 1896 (recorded 9 June 1902) leaving all his estate to his wife Elizabeth during her lifetime, and to his sons Daniel and John Ransom after her death. The witnesses were J. M. Cook and W. O. Wells.

Children:

i. William Daniel, born July 1843. He married (1) Sarah A. Corder in 1870, and (2) Mary L. Carrier on 15 April 1875. They were living at Waynesburg, Kentucky, in 1900.
ii. John Ransom, born 1846. He was living with his parents at Waynesburg in 1900, unmarried.
iii. Luanza, born 1853. Living 1860, but probably died young.

299. JOHN[7] SKIDMORE, was born in 1827 in Lincoln County, Kentucky, the son of James (no. 130) and Polly (Gooch) Skidmore. He married Louisa, the daughter of Peter and Susan (Hazelwood) Edwards on 27 May 1847. She was born in 1828, and was living, his widow, in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1878.

Josephus Edwards, probably his brother-in-law, was surety on his marriage bond in Lincoln County. On 23 October 1849 John and Louisa Skidmore of Lincoln County sold to Thomas Helm 120 acres on the head waters of Buck Creek and the Little South Fork of the Green River for $100.00. They probably removed immediately to Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky, where they are enumerated in the 1850 census. In 1860 they are found in the First Ward on the Ohio River.

John Skidmore, a laborer, was living on the east side of Marion and between Van Buren and Irvine in the 1861 city directory. He presumably died during the Civil War, for in 1866 Louisa, the widow of John Skidmore, is living at 560 Fulton Street. In 1878 she and her son Joseph (he is also called Josephus in the directories) were living at

598 Fulton, near Adams.

Children:

i. Mary (Polly), born 1850, living 1860.
ii. Sarah, born 1852. Living 1860.
iii. Josephus (Joseph), born April 1856. He married Alice _____; they are living in 1900 at 1223 Van Buren Street, Louisville.
iv. Emily (Emma), born 1860. She was a domestic in the 1877 directory.

300. CAPTAIN SAMUEL[7] SKIDMORE, was born in 1792 in Pendleton County, (West) Virginia, the son of James (no. 131) and Rachel O. (Morral) Skidmore. He died in Holly District, Braxton County, West Virginia on 11 January 1876 aged 84. He married Elizabeth, the daughter of Thomas A. Parsons; she was born in 1795 and died 8 April 1870 aged 75 years, 4 months, of consumption, in Braxton County.

John Skidmore enrolled on 13 September 1813 in Captain Jehu Johnson's company of the Sixth Regiment of Virginia Militia. The company marched to Norfolk where they were encamped at the rear of the fort at Lambert's Point. The campsite there was low and swampy and many of the men fell victim to malaria and typhoid. They built fortifications here and later tore them down for exercise. No British ever landed but one man-of-war was seen far out to sea and the port was blockaded. John Skidmore, his brother, who was in the same company died here on 31 October 1813. Samuel Skidmore was on picket duty the night his brother died and said later that "the night was to him the most distressed and horrible that he ever experienced." He was later pensioned for his service.

Samuel Skidmore bought land in what is now Braxton County in 1826 adjoining his uncle Levi Skidmore. He was named a Captain of militia in 1835 in Nicholas County.

Samuel Skidmore had learned the surveyor's art from his father and was considered for that office when Braxton County was formed in 1836. He was recommended to the Governor to serve as one of the original Justices for the new county, but was not appointed until 1839. He did serve on the first Grand Jury in the county on 12 September 1836.

In 1829 he sold most of his land in Pendleton County, including the Stratton mill place where the first court of Pendleton County had met. In 1830 and thereafter he had several land grants on the waters of the Elk River. In the same year he and several others built the Union Mills on the Elk some distance below the mouth of Laurel Creek. This was at the head of flatboat navigation on the Elk and the partners did a considerable business in cutting timber for the flatboat traffic. Union Mills was so named because of the numbers of different investments

concerned.

Captain Samuel Skidmore was a large slave owner in Braxton County before the emancipation. He was living in 1870 with his son Isaac, aged 77.

Children:

i. Thomas W., born 19 April 1820. He married Catherine Hamric (1831-1915). They lived on Flat Woods Run near the Morrison Church. He was a Justice in Braxton County in 1861, the fourth generation of his family to hold this office. He was living in 1900 in Holly District and died 2 February 1909. His widow was living in 1910 in Braxton County with her son Marcellus Skidmore. They are buried in the Morrison Cemetery.

414. ii. James, born 21 June 1822.

iii. John J., born 23 July 1824. He married Elizabeth Hosey (1839-1868) on 28 May 1857. They lived on Ben's Run near Newville in Braxton County. He died 7 April 1903, buried in Newville Cemetery.

iv. Isaac V., born February 1827. He married Elizabeth Jane Hicks (1841-1914). They lived on Baker's Run on the Elk River. He was living in Holly District in 1900 and died in 1903. His widow was living in 1910 at Frametown with her son Harvey Skidmore. They are buried in the Braxton County Cemetery.

v. Jesse, born 1830. He married Ruhama Mollohan on 17 April 1855 and died soon after his marriage. His widow married (2) Norman B. Squires on 23 September 1856.

vi. Mary, born 1834. She married John G. Hosey on 8 January 1855. They were living in Holly District, Braxton County, in 1880.

vii. Rachel, born 1836. She married Council J. Hosey on 31 January 1861. They were living in Holly District, Braxton County, in 1880. She died 12 December 1901 aged 67 years, 9 months, and 27 days in Braxton County.

301. JESSE[7] SKIDMORE, was born in 1799 in Pendleton County, the son of James (no. 131) and Rachel O. (Morral) Skidmore. He died at the same place, at Onego, in 1841. He married on 24 May 1827 Elizabeth, the daughter of John and Margaret (Pierson) Leach. She was born 15 October 1802 and died 13 March 1891 and is buried in the Adamson Cemetery at Onego.

His wife was the sister of James Leach, who married Sarah (Skidmore) Hyers.

Children:

i. Margaret S., born 30 March 1832. She married George W. Bland (1818-1889) on 15 March 1849. She died 25 February 1910 and is buried in the Harman-Bland Cemetery at Onego.
ii. Julia Ann, born 1834. She married Joseph W. Adamson (1822-1901) on 25 August 1859 and died 5 June 1911. She is buried in the Adamson Cemetery at Onego.
iii. Mary, born 13 October 1839. She married George Bennett (1836-1881) on 5 July 1860 and lived at Onego. She died 10 March 1923, and is buried in the Bennett Cemetery at Spruce Mountain.
iv. Martha V., born 1842. She married Reuben W. Harper (1839-____) on 19 December 1861. They were living at Onego in 1880.

302. CAPTAIN SAMUEL COIL[7] SKIDMORE, was born on 6 April 1821 near Moorefield, Hardy County, (West) Virginia, the son of Andrew (no. 134) and Elizabeth (Stonestreet) Skidmore. He died 3 August 1883 aged 62 years, 4 months at the home of his daughter Martha Ann Hollinshead in Bee County, Texas, and was buried in the cemetery at Oakville, Live Oak County, Texas, a short distance west of Skidmore and Beeville. His gravestone is broken but has been reset on top of his grave. He married on 25 December 1841 Elizabeth Ann, the daughter of Reverend Christopher and Ann (Brumbach) Keyser of Shenandoah County, Virginia. She was born 10 March 1823, and died 8 May 1891 aged 68 and is buried in the cemetery at Beeville, Bee County, Texas.

Samuel Coil Skidmore was living on the North Fork of the South Branch in Pendleton County in the 1850 census. He also owned the valuable bottom land on the Holly River which was formerly the property of his uncle Reverend John Skidmore.

In 1853 he and his family left Wheeling by steamboat for Texas, going by way of New Orleans. They crossed the Gulf of Mexico by the steamboat Mexico landing at Galveston. The last lap of the journey to Bastrop County was by ox team made with the assistance of John Whitehead, a young man who had come with the Skidmores from Virginia. Samuel C. Skidmore grew four crops of tobacco in Bastrop County and moved in 1857 to San Patricio County, Texas, where he went into the stock business raising fine horses and cattle; he had returned to Virginia to purchase the horses which became the basis of his stable.

He served on the jury in San Patricio County in 1856, 1859, and 1865. He built a log house here, about three miles from the Nueces River. He burned a kiln of lime for whitewash to paint his ranch. All of his water had to be hauled from the river. He was High Sheriff of the county in 1861.

In addition to his cattle business he had a small fleet of schooners that operated out of Rockport carrying cargo as far as Galveston on the

east and Brownsville to the west and as far south as Matamoras in Mexico.

At the very beginning of the war he became Captain of a company enrolled in San Patricio County in the 29th Brigade of Texas Militia (commanded by Brigadier General H. P. Bee) on 17 July 1861. His two sons also served in the Confederate Army; all served without injury throughout the war. In 1862 Samuel C. Skidmore is described as aged 41, 5'8" tall, with black hair and eyes and a stock raiser. He was stationed for one year on the Rio Grande, riding one of the horses that he had bred.

Samuel C. Skidmore and his son Calvin A. Skidmore later served in Company C, 1st (Yager's) Battalion of the Texas Cavalry. Calvin was also in Company D, 3rd Texas Infantry. Marcellus A. Skidmore was a corporal in Company H, Bordner's Regiment of the Texas Cavalry. James Skidmore, the younger brother of Captain Skidmore, served as a commissioned officer in the 51st Illinois Infantry of the Union Army in a war which frequently pitted brother against brother.

After the war he spent eight years at Rockport in Aransas County; he was on a jury in 1872. He then moved to Bee County, Texas, where he acquired a 600 acre cattle ranch on the Aransas River. In 1882 he wrote back to Virginia that he had "the prettiest place in Bee County." He also acquired a large tract of land on Olmos Creek in Bee County. His last home was at Corpus Christi, a place that his son Thomas Baxter Skidmore either inherited or bought and where his family lived from 1895 to 1898.

He died in 1883. His son Francis O. Skidmore came into the possession of most of his father's lands, and in accordance with his wishes donated in 1886 to the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railroad the right of way across his land as well as the land for the streets and every alternate block for the town of Skidmore, Texas.

Frank O. Skidmore started life as a cowboy in San Patricio County and attained wealth by thrift and keen management. By the early 1880's he was one of the largest cattle dealers in his part of Texas. In 1913 he moved to Oaxaca, Mexico, to develop his mining interests there. He died and was buried there in 1915.

Samuel C. Skidmore was stocky with grey hair and a short beard from a picture of him found in Madray's History of Bee County (1939).

Children:

i. Andrew Christopher, born 2 February 1843, died 27 February 1843.

ii. Calvin Adolphus, born 21 January 1844. He married Lena Beal Overton on 1 September 1874 from whom he was later divorced. He was living alone in 1900 in Bee County, Texas, and in

1910 with his brother Otis in Oklahoma. He died 16 May 1919 at Victoria, Victoria County, Texas, and was buried (according to his death record) at Houston, Harris County, Texas. He was a Confederate pensioner.

iii. Marcellus Anderson, born 21 January 1846. He married (1) Lovena Caddell on 9 September 1873, and (2) Martha (Mattie) Jones, a widow. He was living alone in Bexar County, Texas, in 1910, a Confederate pensioner.

iv. Martha Ann Rebecca, born 3 January 1848 in Hardin County. She married (1) Michael Henry Dickens (____-1877) on 20 April 1868 at Rockport, Aransas County. He was a merchant and postmaster in Bee County. She married (2) Clifford Brock-Hollinshead on 13 May 1880 at Skidmore, Texas. They moved to Live Oak County, Texas, where he was in the cattle and branding business. She was living in Bee County in 1911. She died 14 October 1939 and is buried in the cemetery at Beeville near her mother and several members of the Dickens family.

v. Francis Osbern, born 16 November 1849. He married Carrie Wharton Dikson (1855-1954) on 3 August 1871. He died in 1915 at Oaxico, Mexico.

vi. Pamily Florence, born 28 December 1851, died 27 February 1856.

vii. Charles Keyser, born 2 October 1854. He died in what is now Aransas County, Texas, on 20 October 1871 aged 17.

viii. Eugene Milton, born 14 June 1856. Died 29 [sic] February 1857.

ix. Otis Saladin (Ott), born 19 April 1859 at Skidmore, Texas. He married Annie Flower Price (1857-1942), a Cherokee Indian, on 13 August 1882 in Gonzales County, Texas. They were living in 1900 on lands belonging to the Cherokee Nation in Indian Territory (Oklahoma). He was a merchant at Oolagah, Rogers County, Oklahoma in 1911. Died 9 June 1912 at Winthrop, Little River County, Arkansas; buried Oolagah.

x. Thomas Baxter, born 20 October 1861. He married Margaret Hamilton on 9 May 1888. He was living at Rio Grande City, Starr County, Texas, in 1900. He was killed at Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California, on 30 September 1910 and his widow brought up his eight children.

303. ISAAC[7] SKIDMORE, was born on 18 September 1811 (or 1812) in Bath County, Virginia, the son of Levi (no. 136) and Nancy (Belknap) Skidmore. He died 21 October 1888 in Holly District, Braxton County, West Virginia aged 76 years, 1 month, 3 days. He married Lucinda, the daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Hosey) Cogar on 21 September 1846; she was born 9 May 1824 and died 10 May 1889. They were buried in the Paw Paw Cemetery on Baker's Run but their bodies have since been moved to the Braxton County Cemetery.

He is also said to have been born at Union Mills in Braxton County where he lived, beyond any doubt, as a child. He was a prosperous farmer on the Elk River in Holly District.

The will of Lucinda Skidmore was proved in Braxton County on 18 May 1889.

Children:

i. Francena, born 23 November 1847. She married Thomas Lough on 5 April 1871 in Braxton County. She died 19 May 1925.
ii. Samuel Keyser, born 23 November 1849. He married Savannah Brake on 31 December 1874. Died 29 July 1916 in Holly District.
iii. Mary, born 7 May 1853. She married David S. Morton on 19 November 1874. He was a school teacher at Newville. She died 11 August 1930.
iv. Margaret S., born 7 September 1855. She married James Hamric. Died 9 September 1893.
v. Theodore Given, born 20 December 1858. He married Louisiana Ware. Lived Holly District; died 12 August 1936.
vi. Felix B., born 18 June 1860. Died an infant 1 August 1862.
vii. Phebe Jane, born 30 July 1863. She married Samuel J. Skidmore on 6 November 1883. Living 1955.
viii. Luther Cummings, born 16 June 1865. He married Francena E. Carpenter on 18 February 1892. Lived at Clarksburg, Harrison County, West Virginia; died 6 November 1842.
ix. Pierson B., born 22 November 1868. He married Laverna Alice Ware on 7 March 1901. Lived Holly District. Died 6 April 1927.

304. THOMAS[7] SKIDMORE, was born in 1816 in Braxton County, the son of Levi (no. 136) and Nancy (Belknap) Skidmore, and was living there in Holly District as late as the 1880 census. He married Mariah, the daughter of Mathew and Susan (_____) Hines on 13 September 1841; she was born in 1819 and died 17 February 1883 in Braxton County. They were buried in the Baker Run Cemetery but their bodies have since been removed to the Braxton County Cemetery.

He was a prosperous farmer in Holly District for the whole of his life, and was a Justice of the Peace for many years. He held court at his home (formerly his father's) on Baker Run near Levi. When this house was torn down to make way for the Sutton Lake project (completed in 1961) some of the early records of his court were found under the eaves of the old house. They are now owned by his great-grandson, Reverend Charles D. Lloyd, of Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee.

Children:

i. Matthew, born 1842. He married Salina J. Knight (1852-1885) on 1 August 1872. Living in Holly District in 1880. They are buried in the Braxton County Cemetery.

ii. Claybourne, born 22 January 1844. He married Elizabeth Ann Jordan (1847-1927); they were living in 1910 in Holly District. Lived also at Webster Springs, Webster County, West Virginia. He died 21 October 1924 aged 80 and is buried in the Braxton County Cemetery.

iii. Levi, born February 1846. He married (1) Margaret Perrine (1853-1882) on 23 October 1873, and (2) Sarah Emeline Dodrill (1862-____) on 21 October 1895 at Addison, Webster County. Living Webster Springs in 1900. He died in 1926 and is buried in the Braxton County Cemetery.

iv. Caroline, born 1849. She married Felix B. Hosey on 21 August 1869. They were living in Holly District in 1880.

v. Mary J., born 1851. She married James A. Jordan in October 1872.

vi. Elizabeth, born 1856. She married John P. Hosey on 14 March 1886.

vii. Susan, born 1859. Never married.

305. JOSEPH[7] SKIDMORE, was born in 1802 in Carter County, Kentucky, the son of Joseph (no. 138) and Joicey (_____) Skidmore. He died 19 September 1882 in Camp Creek Township, Pike County, Ohio. He married (1) Sarah Neville on 2 January 1823 in Adams County, Ohio; she was born in 1805 and died in 1853, and (2) Ellen Brown on 29 December 1855 in Pike County, Ohio; she was born in 1830 and survived her husband.

He patented two tracts of land of 50 acres each on the Little Sinking Creek in Carter County, Kentucky, in 1827. He and his wife were enumerated in the 1830 census of Greenup (which then included Carter) County, Kentucky, with an only daughter under five. On 8 October 1835 he and his wife Sarah sold one of his 50 acre land grants (surveyed 7 July 1827) on the Lower Sinking Creek, a branch of the Little Sandy River, to Mark Sally of Fleming County, Kentucky, for $120.00.

On 9 January 1841 Joseph D. and Sarah Skidmore sold to Will Biggs of Carter County for $150.00 land on the Little Sandy containing 100 acres, a part of the tract where the widow [Joicey] Skidmore then lived. They moved shortly after this date to Meigs Township, Adams County, Ohio, where his household is enumerated in the 1850 census.

Joseph D. Skidmore moved by 1856 to Camp Creek Township, Pike County, Ohio, where he remained until his death.

Children: (First wife)

i. Juessa, born 3 June 824. She married Dr. Jerome Penn in 1847 in Adams County, Ohio. They were living in Brush Creek

Township, Scioto County, Ohio, in 1870.

ii. Isabelle, born 1835. Living 1850; no further record.

iii. Sarah E., born 1839. She married Milton Chandler on 22 April 1860 in Scioto County, Ohio.

iv. Elizabeth, born 1843. She married Benjamin Throckmorton (1834-1884) on 25 January 1862. She died 11 December 1862 at Rarden, Scioto County, Ohio. He married (2) Mary Louise Teeters on 23 March 1864.

v. Joseph, born 1846. Never married. He enlisted 18 November 1861 at Hillsboro, Ohio, for one year in Company K, 60th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, raised for the defense of the border counties. He died of measles on 1 December 1862 in Adams County, Ohio.

vi. Elvira, born 1851. She was living unmarried in 1887 at Rarden, Scioto County, Ohio.

(Second wife)

vii. John, born 27 September 1856. He married Susan Smith on 10 October 1875, and died 18 August 1897 aged 40 years, 10 months, 21 days. His widow was living in 1900 at Benton, Pike County, Ohio, and in 1910 in the same county with John F. Vincent, her son-in-law.

viii. Hugh H., born April 1858. He married (1) Paulina Belle Banks on 19 November 1885, and (2) Caroline _____. They were living in 1900 in Sunfish Township, Pike County, Ohio, and in Madison County, Ohio, in 1910 and later at Mt. Joy, Adams County, Ohio.

ix. Robert Jerome born March 1860. He married Mary L. Sherlock about 1888 and they were living in Tennessee in 1894. In 1900 they were living at Bristow (then a Creek trading post in Indian Territory), now Creek County, Oklahoma, where he was a carpenter. His widow Mary L. Skidmore was living in 1910 at Sulpher Springs, Murray County, Oklahoma, with her brother George Sherlock. No children.

x. James P., born September 1861. He married Nancy Elizabeth Pauley on 26 July 1881. Living Camp Creek Township in 1900; his widow is there in 1910.

xi. Stephen D., born 31 March 1863. Died 11 November 1888 aged 25 years, 7 months, 12 days. A farmer. [Isaac Smith was indicted for the murder of Stephen Skidmore and tried at Waverly, Pike County.]

xii. William, born June 1865. He married (1) Louisa F. Anderson (1869-1897), on 27 March 1886, and (2) Jane Ward (previously the widow of _____ Shelton on 19 December 1901. She married as her 3rd husband William Clifford on 30 August 1920.

xiii. David T., born 10 February 1872. He never married; died 7 June 1894 aged 22 years, 3 months, 27 days.

306. ANDREW N.[7] SKIDMORE was born in 1806 in what is now Carter County, Kentucky, the son of Joseph (no. 138) and Joicey (_____) Skidmore. He was living in 1850 in Lewis County, Kentucky. He married Elizabeth Martin on 19 November 1823 across the river in Lawrence County, Ohio; she was born in 1799 in Pennsylvania.

On 15 March 1828 Andrew Skidmore gave a mortgage to Nathaniel Dawson for $18.00 for a surety bond in the pending case in Greenup County of Andrew Skidmore vs. Will Evans in the Chancery Court. He is enumerated there in the 1830 census, but had moved by 1833 to Lewis County, Kentucky. They were living in 1840 and 1850 at Garrison in that county.

He is said by descendants to have been a riverboat captain on the Ohio River.

Children:

i. Jackson, born 1826. He married Cynthia Ann Garland on 23 December 1852 in Scioto County, Ohio.
ii. Joseph, born 1828. He married Mary Jane Lewis on 30 November 1852 in Lewis County, Kentucky. He lived at Quincy in that county, and died in 1892. Buried in the Skidmore Cemetery on McDowell Creek.
iii. John, born 1830. He married Margaret Siburts on 14 September 1859 in Scioto County, Ohio. He was living at Olive Hill, Carter County, Kentucky, in 1880.
iv. Phebe Jane, born 1833. She married John T. Hubbard on 30 May 1854 in Scioto County, Ohio. She died 22 May 1911 and is buried in the Hubbard Cemetery on McDowell Creek in Lewis County.
v. Pleasant Lafayette, born April 1835. He married (1) Dicie Foster on 10 October 1860 in Lewis County, and (2) Miranda Fitzpatrick on 11 April 1870 in the same county. He died 4 April 1910 in Lewis County and is said to be buried on the Greenbrier.
vi. Melissa, born 28 March 1838. She died on 15 March 1851 aged 12 years, 11 months, and 18 days according to her tombstone behind the schoolhouse at Garrison, Kentucky.

307. THOMAS[7] SKIDMORE, was born about 1808 in Randolph County, (West) Virginia, the son of Abraham (no. 139) and Elizabeth (Vance) Skidmore, and died in what is now Barbour County, West Virginia, about 1843. He married Agnes J., the daughter of Robert Armstrong; she was born in 1810 in Randolph County and died on 19 August 1881 aged 70 years, 5 months, 22 days and is buried in the Layton Cemetery in Michigan Township, Clinton County, Indiana. She was living in 1880 with her son Robert A. Skidmore.

Thomas Skidmore was enumerated in the 1840 census of Harrison County, Virginia. After his death his widow went with her family to Indiana in 1844 travelling down the Ohio River in boats and then by wagons over almost unbroken trails and dense forest the rest of the way. They reached Frankfort in Clinton County after weeks of travel and settled just east of the town in a one-room log house in the midst of a forest owned by Fudge Maish. Agnes Skidmore worked on the farms of her neighbors and would weave on a large handloom at night to support her family. She is enumerated in 1850 in Jackson Township, Clinton County, Indiana.

Robert Armstrong, her father, had been one of the appraisers on 19 October 1807 of Thomas Skidmore, the grandfather of her husband.

All three of their sons served in the Civil War from Indiana.

Children: (All born in Barbour County)

i. Jane, born 1 June 1830. She married John R. Morrison, a wagon maker; they were living at Frankfort, Clinton County, in 1850. He was killed in the Civil War. She died 11 November 1898.

ii. Robert Armstrong, born 29 November 1832. He married Eliza Armstrong (1852-1938) on 7 August 1869. He served in Company K, 10th Indiana Volunteers enrolling at Indianapolis, Marion County, for three years on 18 September 1861. Discharged 19 September 1864. He ran for Representative to the State Assembly on the Republican ticket; Worshipful Master of the Masonic Lodge, a farmer and Justice of the Peace. Died 24 December 1906 in Clinton County.

iii. Abraham Wilson, born 23 May 1836. He married Margaret Ford on 31 December 1857. Enlisted 21 September 1864 at Lafayette, Tippecanoe County, Indiana, in Company F, 51st Indiana Volunteers, mustered out 14 August 1865. He was a farmer and pensioner. Living in Warren Township, Clinton County, Indiana, in 1900. Died there 4 October 1911.

iv. Solomon, born 1840. He enrolled on 14 August 1862 at Indianapolis, Marion County, in Company G, 86th Indiana Volunteers, and mustered out at Nashville, Tennessee, on 6 June 1865. He worked as a brakeman on the railroad out of Frankfort, with his home at Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio. He disappeared from that place, perhaps going west, and was never heard from again.

v. Mary E., born 8 November 1843. She married William Kelley on 17 October 1867. He was badly injured in the Civil War. She died 20 June 1908.

308. JOHN L.[7] SKIDMORE, was born in 1812 in Braxton County, (West) Virginia, the son of Abraham (no. 139) and Elizabeth (Vance) Skidmore, and died 12 May 1872 at his home near Belington in Barker District Bar-

bour County, West Virginia. He married Margaret, a daughter of Conrad Carpenter and a sister of the wife of Abraham Skidmore (no. 309), on 27 June 1837. She was born in 1818 at Belington and died 25 January 1914. She was living with her son Joseph L. H. Skidmore in Valley District, Barbour County, in 1900.

He is enumerated in 1840 in the census of Randolph County, and in 1850, 1860, and 1870 in Barbour County. He lived on his father's farm at Laurel. In 1880 his widow Margaret is the head of a family in Valley District, Barbour County, with her daughters May (age 18) and Anna (age 15) and their brothers Jacob, Hilkey J., Saul and George B. Skidmore.

Children:

i. Margaret Ellen (Peggy), born 1838. She married William Weaver.
ii. Ira Vernon, born April 1840. He married Helen Mollohan at Gallipolis, Gallia County, Ohio. He went west as a young man. In 1880 he was in the Third Precinct of Gunn County, Colorado, and was living in 1900 at Center Township, Marion County, Kansas, where he died in 1917.
iii. Jacob, born 1841. He married Mary A. Anderson on 2 May 1881.
iv. Hannah, born 1843. Died young.
v. Abraham S., born February 1847. He married Mary C. Yeager on 12 May 1871. Living in 1900 in Roaring Creek District, Randolph County, West Virginia.
vi. John M., born 1848. He married Catherine Champe on 14 January 1874. They were living in 1910 in Valley District Barbour County.
vii. William, born 1850. He died in January 1860 of consumption.
viii. Eleanor, born 1853. She died 27 November 1870 aged 17.
ix. Joseph L. Hilkey, born 4 July 1855. Never married, he died 29 September 1923 aged 68 years, 2 months, 25 days. Lived Valley District, Barbour County.
x. Solomon Yeager born 1857. He married Donnie Thompson on 8 April 1887. Living in 1900 in Valley District, Barbour County. In 1910 he was a boarder in the household of Robert McCutcheon in Barbour County and she was living at Belington.
xi. Bazela May, born 1860.
xii. George Britton, born September 1863. He married Eva Oster on 2 February 1890. They were living in Glade District, Barbour County, in 1900, and at Belington in 1910.
xiii. Anabelle, born 1865. She married Francis L. Thompson on 24 November 1882.

309. ABRAHAM[7] SKIDMORE, was born in 1822 in Braxton County, (West) Virginia, the son of Abraham (no. 139) and Elizabeth (Vance) Skidmore.

He married Mary, a daughter of Conrad Carpenter and a sister of the wife of John L. Skidmore (no. 308); she was born in September 1818 and was living in 1900 with her son James D. Skidmore at 639 Bird Street, Parkersburg, Wood County, West Virginia.

He was living with his family in Highland County, Virginia, in 1850. He was living in 1870 at Philippi in Barbour County. In the same year he was a petitioner (from Randolph County) to move the capital of West Virginia from Charleston to Beverly. He is not found in the 1880 census, and was presumably dead by that year. No probate has been found.

Children:

i. Judson, born March 1844. He married Jeanette E. De Quasie on 10 November 1877 in Wirt County, West Virginia. He was living, a widower, in 1910 at Burning Spring District in that county.
ii. James Britain, born May 1848. He married Luretta _____; they were living at Parkersburg in 1900.
iii. Byron Creed, born 14 February 1864. He married (1) Ella M. De Quasie on 4 February 1887 in Wirt County, and (2) Ida Holbert. He died 11 September 1955 at Munday, Wirt County, West Virginia.

310. HIRAM[7] SKIDMORE, was born 8 January 1822 in Barbour County, (West) Virginia, the son of Abraham (no. 139) and Elizabeth (Vance) Skidmore. He died 14 April 1888 in Lewis County, West Virginia, and is buried in the Harmony Cemetery at Jane Lew. He married (1) Mary, a daughter of John and Mary (_____) Ratliff, who was born in 1823 in Hardy County, (West) Virginia, and died 4 June 1870 aged 45 in Lewis County. He married (2) on 14 March 1876 at Jane Lew to Margaret B. Rice, who was born in September 1856 in Harrison County, (West) Virginia, and who was living in 1900 in Hacker's Creek District, Lewis Creek, West Virginia.

He was living in 1846 in Nicholas County and moved about 10 years later to Lewis County. He enlisted there on 23 October 1863 in Company I, Third West Virginia Cavalry, for three years. He was injured on 14 May 1864 and was in a hospital until December of that year at Gallipolis, Gallia County, Ohio. He was wounded during the Salem Raid which cut the Virginia and Tennessee Railroad, and destroyed large quantities of Longstreet's clothing, rations, and equipment. Hiram Skidmore was discharged on 30 June 1865, and was pensioned at Walkersville in Lewis County in 1879.

Children: (First wife)

i. Louisa Ellen, born 1844. She married Thomas Harris on 18 June 1865 in Lewis County.

ii. Roannah, born 1846. Died 18 October 1856 in Barbour County, aged 9.
iii. John W., born 1848. He married Nancy A. Ratliff on 1 January 1878. Living Hacker's Creek District in 1880.
iv. Mary C., born 1849. She married Lloyd Garett (1857-____), a farmer, on 26 February 1874. They were living in 1880 in Hacker's Creek District, Lewis County. She died 8 August 1892.
v. Sarah M., born 1852. She was living unmarried with her brother Jesse T. Skidmore in Hacker's Creek District in 1880.
vi. Jesse T., born 3 October 1854. He married Mary B. Lorentz on 4 November 1875. They moved about 1883 to Hayes Township, Mitchell County, Kansas; living there in 1900.
vii. Polk, born 5 August 1857.
viii. Samuel J., born 1859. Never married, he died 17 March 1874 aged 15.
ix. Emily A., born 1860. She died 31 July 1865 in childhood aged 5 years, 6 months, 16 days.
x. Silas Warwick, born October 1862. He married Ella Nora Hoover (1864-1947) on 3 October. They were living in 1910 in Lexington Township, McLean County, Illinois, where he died in 1921. Buried in the Lexington Cemetery.
xi. Laura, born 1865.

(Second wife)

xii. Woodford D., born 2 September 1879. He married Verdie _____; they were living in 1910 at Clarksburg, Harrison County, West Virginia.
xiii. Dora M., born 19 May 1882. She married Samuel D. Stalnaker.
xiv. Emily A., born 25 December 1884.
xv. Bertha L., born 17 June 1888. Living 1900.

311. ALEXANDER[7] SKIDMORE, was born in 1817 in Ohio the son of Jeremiah (no. 140) and Amelia (Soward) Skidmore. He died about 1904 at Skidmore, Nodaway County, Missouri; the last payment of his pension was made 4 February 1904. He married Sarah McKnight on 26 January 1834 in Lawrence County, Ohio; she was born 29 August 1815 and died 27 September 1895 at Skidmore, Missouri.

He is enumerated in 1840 and 1850 in Crosby Township, Hamilton County, Ohio, and in 1860 in Morgan Township, Butler County, Ohio. He removed from Butler County to Clay Township, Holt County, Missouri, in 1868.

A newspaper obituary of his wife states that she was a member of the Methodist Church and had gone to Nebraska for a brief time but returned to Skidmore, Missouri. She lived with her daughter, Mrs. Bodles, at the time of her death on 27 September 1895. She was buried in the Masonic

Cemetery at Skidmore.

He was living, a widower, at Skidmore in 1900 on Maple Street. His son Allen (died 1946) wa the last survivor among his eleven children according to a newspaper obituary.

Children:

i. Eunice, born 1836. She is not found in the 1860 census. [She may be the Charlotte Skidmore who married Joseph Rittenhouse on 31 August 1856 in Hamilton County, Ohio. She was apparently dead in 1860; in this year a Caroline Rittenhouse, aged 1, is living in the household of Alexander Skidmore, her grandfather, at Okeana, Butler County, Ohio. Joseph Rittenhouse enlisted 20 July 1861 in Company E, 39th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was discharged 9 July 1865.]

ii. Alfred, born 1840. He enlisted at Cleves, Hamilton County, Ohio, on 4 August 1862 in Company D, 83rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Died in June 1863 of disease at Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee.

iii. Mariah J., born May 1842. She married _____ Bender and was living, a widow, with her father at Skidmore in 1900.

iv. James, born 18 January 1844. He married Mary Elizabeth O'Neal (1849-1932) on 10 December 1867 at Dry Fork, Butler County, Ohio. He enlisted on 30 January 1864 at Okeana, Butler County, Ohio, in Company E, 39th Volunteer Infantry, and was discharged after a long stay in the hospital on 10 July 1865. Wounded in the left arm at Marietta, Cobb County, Georgia, on 22 July 1864. Pensioned. He lived in 1880 in St. Joseph, Buchanan County, Missouri, in 1889 in Butler County, Ohio (but his post office was in Dearborn County, Indiana); in 1900 at 1111 Woodlawn Avenue, Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana; and in 1915 at Lakewood, Cuyahoga County, Ohio. His widow died in 1932 at Eudora, Douglas County, Kansas, and is buried at Anderson, Madison County, Indiana.

v. Amelia A., born 1846. Living at home in 1870.

vi. Jefferson, born 1850. He married Belle _____. He was living in 1880 at St. Joseph, Missouri. They went for a time to Nebraska and in the special census of 1885 they were enumerated there in Miles Precinct, Pawnee County, where he was then farming. They returned to St. Joseph and were living there in 1900 at 704 Locust Street.

vii. Allen, born 17 November 1853. He was living in 1877 at Graham, Nodaway County, Missouri. He married (1) Almira Fields on 31 July 1881 in Holt County, Missouri, and (2) Semedia Jane Curtis (1868-1948) on 19 December 1888 at Turkey Creek, Pawnee County, Nebraska. He moved in 1888 to a farm near Tate, Pawnee County, where he lived for 58 years until his death on 3 August 1946 aged 93.

viii. Alice, born 1855. Living at home in 1870.
ix. Mary Adeline, born 1857. Living at home in 1870.
x. Charles, born 15 November 1859. Living at home in 1870. He married (1) Peachie M. _____ (1862-1911), and (2) Pauline Wright Davis on 31 August 1915 at Allen, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma. She was living, his widow, in 1984. They were living in 1915 at Atwood, Hughes County, Oklahoma. He was a farmer and a rural mail carrier and died 23 December 1949 aged 90 at Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma; buried in the Allen Cemetery in that county.
xi. Cornelia, born 1860, a twin. Living 1870.
xii. Cordelia, born 1860, a twin. Living 1870.

312. SQUIRE[7] SKIDMORE, was born 1818 in Ohio, the son of Jeremiah (no. 140) and Amelia (Soward) Skidmore. He was living in 1870 in Clay Township, Holt County, Missouri. He married Susan Hedges on 10 August 1848 in Lawrence County, Ohio. She was born in September 1827, and was living in 1900 at 513 Walnut Street, St. Joseph, Buchanan County, Missouri, and in 1910 in Buchanan County with her daughter Mary J. Skidmore.

He was enumerated in the 1850 and 1860 census while living in Whitewater Township, Hamilton County, Ohio. He moved after the Civil War to Clay Township, Holt County, Missouri (post office, North Point).

Children:

i. Albert, born 1849. Died young.
ii. Anderson J., born 1852. He married Susan Rodes on 11 December 1878 at St. Joseph, Missouri.
iii. Rectina, born 1854. She was living in 1860.
iv. Mary J., born May 1854. She was living unmarried with her mother in 1910.
v. Ann Eliza, born 1857. She married Milton Taylor on 28 December 1877 in Buchanan County.
vi. Martha E., born 1859. Living 1870. She married John Maurice on 21 October 1885 in Buchanan County.
vii. Eunice, born 1861. Living 1870. She married Moses Cook on 17 January 1885 in Buchanan County.
viii. Emma A., born 1864.

313. CAPTAIN HAMILTON[7] SKIDMORE, was born 10 February 1817 in Randolph County, (West) Virginia, the son of Thomas (no. 142) and Mary (Kittle) Skidmore. He died 21 November 1897 at Skidmore, Nodaway County, Missouri. He married (1) Sarah Ann, the daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Hayes) Taylor on 2 December 1841 in Randolph County, (West) Virginia; she was born in 1820 and died 1 November 1852. She was a sister of the James Taylor who married Deborah Skidmore. He married (2) Fatima, the

daughter of Stephen and Elizabeth (Goddard) Cunningham, on 5 September 1854 in the same county; she was born 29 February 1829 and died 18 May 1893.

He was a Captain of the Randolph County Militia in 1845 and owned considerable land in the county. He moved in 1863 to Carthage, Hancock County, Illinois, where he remained for one year, and then to Johnson Township, Scotland County, Missouri. He moved (after 1880) to Skidmore, Nodaway County, Missouri.

He apparently had his Christian name from the family of his paternal grandmother.

Children: (First wife)

i. Luceba, born 14 August 1847. She married Harvey J. Dolson. They were living in 1880 in Johnson Township, Scotland County, Missouri. She died 4 November 1926.

(Second wife)

ii. Augusta, born 27 April 1856, died 12 August 1860 in child hood.

iii. Emma M., born 23 December 1860. She married Hiram Hutt. They lived in Scotland and Nodaway Counties, Missouri, and in Jewell County, Kansas. She was living in 1930 at Wilmington, Los Angeles County, California.

314. ALLEN[7] SKIDMORE, was born 1 September 1818 in Randolph County, (West) Virginia, the son of Thomas (no. 142) and Mary (Kittle) Skidmore, and died 27 October 1847 at Ceraldo, Carroll County, Mississippi.

As a young man he and his brothers followed boating on the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. He settled at Vicksburg, Warren County, Mississippi, where he enlisted on 15 June 1846 in Company K, 1st Mississippi Riflemen for one year in the Mexican War. He died while in the army at Ceraldo, Mississippi, on 27 October 1847.

He never married. On 18 September 1849 his father and his brothers executed a deed in Randolph County settling his estate there.

315. HIRAM[7] SKIDMORE, was born on 9 April 1820 in Randolph County, (West) Virginia, the son of Thomas (no. 142) and Mary (Kittle) Skidmore. He died 6 January 1896 at Carthage, Hancock County, Illinois; buried there in Moss Ridge Cemetery. He was married three times: (1) Penelope, the daughter of James and Margaret (Wamsley) Dilworth; she was born in 1824 and was the mother of his children. He married (2) Rebecca S. _____, previously the widow of Jacob Schultz, on 24 October 1874

at Carthage. She was born 18 January 1823 and died 20 March 1912; they were divorced on 9 March 1882. (She married William T. Sanders as her 3rd husband on 20 April 1884, and is buried in Moss Ridge Cemetery at Carthage.) He married (3) Adeline M. Young, previously the widow of _____ Major, the daughter of Sanford and Matilda (Stanley) Young, on 9 December 1886. She was born in August 1833 in Kentucky and was living with her son James B. Major in Hancock County in 1900.

He was a farmer in Elk District, Barbour County, West Virginia, and moved with his family to Carthage, Illinois, about 1872.

Children:

i. Marion Luther, born January 1849. He married (1) Florence May Reed on 12 October 1871. (They were divorced and she married 2ndly William Thrash on 17 November 1895 in Barbour County.) He married (2) Mrs. Clara Parker, a widow. They were living in 1900 at Colfax, Whitman County, Washington, with her children born in Oregon.
ii. Vienna, born 1855. She was living at Carthage, unmarried, in 1880.
iii. Emory J., born 1857. He married Mary Jane Woodring on 12 August 1878. He was a school teacher at Carthage; she was living his widow there in 1900 and with her father Solomon Woodring in 1910 in Audrain County, Missouri.
iv. Fatima S., born 1866. She was living at Carthage in 1880.

316. GEORGE[7] SKIDMORE, was born 19 September 1823 in Randolph County, (West) Virginia, the son of Thomas (no. 142) and Mary (Kittle) Skidmore. He died 18 March 1883 in Barbour county, West Virginia. He married Tabitha Ward on 9 February 1849; she was born 16 May 1828 and died 10 December 1914. They are buried in the Mt. Vernon Cemetery at Volga. She was living in 1910 in Barbour County with her granddaughter Addie Burgett.

He was a farmer and a tanner in Union District, Barbour County. He left a will proved 28 April 1883 in Barbour County remembering his wife and two daughters.

Children:

i. Marteny, born September 1850. He married (1) Margaret J. Shank on 2 May 1872, and (2) Sarah _____ before 1910. He was living, a widower, in 1900 in Newark Township, Wilson County, Kansas. [He had his distinctive given name from the family of his maternal great-grandmother.]
ii. William D., born 7 June 1853. He died 29 July 1855 in infancy aged 2 years, 1 month, 22 days, and is buried in the Criss Cemetery at Phillippi.

iii. Almeda D., born 19 February 1856. She married Harrison Burgett on 17 October 1887. She was living with her brother in Wilson County, Kansas, in 1900.
iv. Mary E., born 1860. She married Noah Anglin on 9 December 1880 in Barbour County.

317. MARTENY[7] SKIDMORE, was born 25 May 1825 in Randolph County, Virginia, the son of Thomas (no. 142) and Mary (Kittle) Skidmore. He died 10 October 1891 at St. Joseph, Buchanan County, Missouri. He married (1) Mary Jane, the daughter of William Jessup, in June 1849 in Whitewater Township, Hamilton County, Ohio; she was born in 1834 and died 4 March 1858 aged 28, and is buried in the Whitewater Cemetery on Kilby Road. He married (2) Rebecca Ann Adams on 29 June 1858 at the same place; she was born 16 November 1836 in New Jersey and died on 3 April 1922 at Pittsburg, Crawford County, Kansas.

He was named for his maternal grandmother, Margaret Marteny, wife of Abraham Kittle.

In 1846 he started boating on the Ohio River working as far south as New Orleans. He settled in 1848 in Whitewater Township, Hamilton County, Ohio, near his uncle Jeremiah. He entered the employment of William Jessup who took a great interest in him and he married Jessup's daughter in 1849.

In 1852 he went west, and in partnership with P. D. Clark outfitted a wagon train at Leavenworth, Kansas, following the old trail to Carson City. He disposed of his wagons and teams and spent some time at freighting. He returned to Ohio in the winter of the same year by way of San Francisco and New York City. He resumed farming at Harrison, Ohio and was Treasurer and Justice of the Peace of Whitewater Township. He was also a Mason belonging to Snow Lodge No. 196 in Hamilton County, Ohio.

In 1864 he sold his land in Ohio and moved to Green Township, Nodaway County, Missouri, where he purchased a 700 acre farm (later increased to 1000 acres) of fine improved land. His grandson Milton William Sewell still lives (1983) on the land purchased by Marteny Skidmore. The town of Skidmore, Missouri, was named for him in 1880.

He died at St. Joseph's Hospital, St. Joseph, Missouri, on 10 October 1891. His widow was living in Nodaway County in 1910.

Children: (First wife)

i. George, born 1850. He died unmarried in 1871.
ii. A son. He died an infant; buried Whitewater Cemetery in December 1851.

iii. Samuel, born 1854. He died 12 January 1884 of pneumonia 11 days after his marriage.

iv. Dr. William Jessup, D.C., born 1 September 1857. He married Margaret Haines "of Philadelphia" on 20 March 1901. They lived at Skidmore, Missouri, in 1900. His stepmother was in his household, as well as her daughter Ella Skidmore. He never practiced medicine or used the title doctor. he died 26 February 1923.

(Second wife)

v. Angeline, born 14 November 1859. She died 31 October 1865. She and her two sisters below died of diphtheria.

vi. Emma, born 17 August 1861. She died 2 November 1865.

vii. Flora, born 18 February 1863. She died 3 November 1865.

viii. James, born 3 April 1866. He went to Alaska in the Gold Rush but the cold ruined his health and he died unmarried in 1899.

ix. Ella, born 2 June 1870. She married Milton Albert Sewell (1868-1929) at Skidmore, Missouri, and had three children.

x. Jennie, born 4 January 1872. She died in 1882.

318. ASA[7] SKIDMORE, was born in Randolph County on 11 September 1829, the son of Thomas (no. 142) and Mary (Kittle) Skidmore. He died in Barbour County, (West) Virginia, on 25 October 1852. He married Salome, the daughter of Abraham Reger; she was born in 1834 and survived her husband briefly.

Asa Skidmore left a will dated the same day as his death leaving his entire estate to his wife, and naming his father-in-law as his executor. His wife died soon after, and Abraham Reger and Thomas Skidmore, the fathers, subsequently entered into an agreement to divide the estate. There were no children.

319. NOAH M.[7] SKIDMORE, was born 19 April 1816 in Randolph County, (West) Virginia, the son of Elijah (no. 143) and Margaret (Cunningham) Skidmore. He was living in 1870 at Frostburg, Allegany County, Maryland. He married Susan Workman, who was born in Maryland in June 1821; she was living alone at Frostburg in 1900. They are said to be buried in the Old Frostburg Cemetery, but no stones survive for them there.

Susan Skidmore is said to have been of Indian ancestry with dark skin, high cheek bones and jet black hair which she wore in long braids. She was a talented artist painting birds and animals largely.

He moved to Maryland about 1849 where he lived on Water Street in the 1880s. He was Mayor of Frostburg, and ran a stagecoach line beginning

at Clarysville Station. He later operated the Borden Mine Incline.

Children:

i. Lewis, born 20 December 1842. He married Annie Beuter (Budor) (1846-1925) on 1 November 1865. He served in Company B, 2nd Potomac Home Guards Brigade; enrolling on 27 August 1861 he was taken prisoner on 16 November 1863 at Burlington, Virginia, and imprisoned at Richmond. Paroled at City Point, Virginia, on 30 April 1864. Mustered out 29 May 1865. He moved to Ohio before 1900 and was living in 1926 at Ulrichsville, Tuscarawas County, Ohio where he died in 1934. He and his wife are buried in the Gnadenhutten Cemetery, Clay Township, Tuscarawas County, Ohio.

ii. James M., born 12 November 1844. He married Susan Elizabeth Whetzel (1844-1917 on 6 February 1866. James M. Skidmore and his brother Francis M. Skidmore both enlisted at Newark, Licking County, Ohio, in Company C, 182nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry on 20 October 1864 for one year. They were mustered out on 7 July 1865 at Nashville after serving in the Tennessee Campaign. He lost an arm in the war and made a part of his living as a beekeeper. He died 24 July 1924 at Frostburg.

iii. Francis M., born 1846. He married Jennette Sloan (1848-1936) on 24 April 1866 at Frostburg. He died 31 July 1877 near Denver, Denver County, Colorado. His widow was living in 1900 at Frostburg, Maryland.

iv. Noah M., born 1848. He married (1) Margaret Hansel on 14 August 1870, and (2) Mrs. Mary Ann Miller, a widow, on 5 October 1884. They were living in Frostburg in 1900.

v. William A., born 1850. He married Emma V. Conrad on 21 September 1871. They were living at Frostburg in 1900.

vi. Mathew, born June 1852. He married Martha Jane Bane on 8 July 1875. They were living at Borden Shaft, Allegany County, Maryland, in 1900.

vii. Susan, born 1854. She married David Sloan on 30 November 1870.

viii. Ashbury, born 1856. Died an infant.

ix. Elijah, born August 1858. He married Sally E. Conover (Knover). They were living at Frostburg in 1900.

x. Mary, born 1861. She married Henry Wieland, a tinner.

xi. John, born February 1866. He married Jennie Arnold on 25 August 1896 in Mineral County, West Virginia. He was living there in the Elk District in 1900. He is said to have also lived in Tucker County, West Virginia.

xii. David, born 1868. He married Mary Jane Richards on 25 October 1887.

320. DAVID L.[7] SKIDMORE, was born 1 May 1817 in Randolph County (West)

Virginia, the son of Elijah (no. 143) and Margaret (Cunningham) Skidmore. He was living in 1880 in Spencer District, Roane County, West Virginia. He married his cousin Esther Skidmore, the daughter of John (no. 144) and Juda (Pitman) Skidmore, on 5 May 1842. She was born in April 1824, and was living, his widow, at Spencer, Roane County, in 1900.

He is called a house joiner in the 1850 census. He had moved by 1860 to Reedy District, Roane County; in 1880 he was living in Spencer District and all of his children are living at home unmarried except for his daughter Martha L. Douglas. In 1900 Rosanna, Sarah A., Napoleon, Alpheus, and Jane are all still unmarried and living with their mother, and in 1910 the four youngest of these were living, all unmarried, in Meigs County, Ohio.

Children:

i. Martha L., born February 1845. She married James C. Douglas on 5 May 1869. They were living in Smithfield District, Roane County, in 1870, where he was a farmer.
ii. Roannah, born July 1847. She married William Hannah, a widower, on 31 March 1888. Living with her mother in 1900.
iii. Sarah Ann, born October 1849. Living in Meigs County, Ohio, in 1910.
iv. Napoleon B., born October 1851. Living in Meigs County, Ohio, in 1910.
v. Alpheus B., born September 1853. Living in Meigs County, Ohio, in 1910.
vi. Lemuel, born 16 November 1854. Died the same day.
vii. Lair D., born 21 May 1858. He married Victoria Barr on 17 January 1883. They were living in Reedy District, Roane County, in 1900.
viii. William B., born 28 September 1858. He married Lydia Ann Williams on 17 March 1884. They were living in 1910 at Marietta, Washington County, Ohio.
ix. Asbury R., born September 1861.
x. Amelia Jane, born December 1863. She married John Westfall on 9 January 1883. She was living surnamed Skidmore in Meigs County, Ohio, in 1910.

321. JOHN CUNNINGHAM[7] SKIDMORE, was born 17 April 1821 in Randolph County, (West) Virginia, the son of Elijah (no. 143) and Margaret (Cunningham) Skidmore. He was living in 1900 in Troy District, Gilmer County, West Virginia. He married Mahala, the daughter of John Bennett on 1 July 1848; she was born in November 1829 and was also living in 1900.

He lived near his father at Kerens until about 1862 or 1863 when he sold out and moved to Clarksburg, Harrison County, West Virginia. He is

living in that county in Grant District in 1880.

Child:

i. Hulda Jane, born 16 January 1854. She married Perry Hansford of Clarksburg. They lived later at Denver, Denver County, and Greeley, Weld County, Colorado.

322. JOHN[7] SKIDMORE, was born in 1818 in Randolph County, (West) Virginia, the son of John (no.144) and Juda (Pitman) Skidmore. He was probably dead by 1850. The name of his wife is unknown, but she may be the Eliza Skidmore (1821-____) who married (2) Reverend John Waldo Kittle, a widower, on 10 November 1845. In the 1850 census she was aged 29 and the mother of his daughters Bethany Kittle (age 4) and Ruhamah Kittle (age 1). Also living in this household was Amos Skidmore (age 7). Elizabeth S. Kittle, a widow, was living in 1880 in Roaring Creek District, Randolph County, West Virginia.

Next to nothing is known of this man. He is mentioned by descendants of his brothers and sisters, and is found as the head of a family in the 1840 census of Randolph County. He was aged 20-30, and had (presumably) a wife aged 15-20 and a son under 5. Also in his house, unexplained, was a male 40-50. None of these people are found in the 1850 census; his wife, if she survived (and is not Eliza Kittle), may have married a second husband by this date.

Children: (Perhaps incomplete)

i. [A son, born 1835-40. Probably died young.]
ii. Amos (probably), born 1842. He is last noticed in the 1860 census when he is living with his mother, his Kittle stepfather, and four stepsisters. Not found in 1870.

323. ELIHU[7] SKIDMORE, was born in July 1820 in Randolph County, (West) Virginia, the son of John (no. 144) and Juda (Pitman) Skidmore. He died in 1901 in Union District, Barbour County, at the home his son Daniel C. Skidmore. He married Harriet, the daughter of Thompson and Amanda (Adams) Wright; she was born in 1826 in Harrison County, and was a sister of the Lucinda Wright (1835-1912) who married Elijah Skidmore.

Elihu Skidmore, aged 42, was mustered in on 10 September 1862 in Company F, 15th West Virginia Infantry. He was sick at Meadow Bluff, Greenbrier County, (West) Virginia, on 22 May 1864 and in the hospital at Winchester, Frederick County, Virginia, from September to December 1864, with the mumps. He also contracted typhoid fever in the army and settled after the war on Swamp Run in Barbour County, West Virginia.

He was subsequently pensioned. His mustering in papers show that he was

six feet tall in 1862 and a farmer. He was living in 1881 at Wilmoths, Barbour County, West Virginia.

Children:

i. Allen J., born 21 March 1848. He married Hester Ann Morrison (1848-1925) on 28 October 1867. They were living in 1900 in Salt Lick District, Braxton County, West Virginia, and in 1910 in Gilmer County, West Virginia. He died 18 April 1922 at Rossville, Shawnee County, Kansas.
ii. Isaac M., born 14 March 1850. Died 14 October 1854 aged 4 years, 7 months.
iii. Annetta E., born September 1853. She married Jerome B. Morrison (1841-_____) a widower. He was a blacksmith at Buckhannon, Upshur County, West Virginia, and is said to have made a fortune on land speculation in the west.
iv. Daniel C., born 28 November 1855. He married Virginia E. Knabenshue on 3 January 1878. They were living in 1900 in Union District, Barbour County.
v. John Thomas, born 8 April 1860. He married Martha Ellen Smith on 4 September 1881. They were living in Hacker's Creek District, Lewis County, West Virginia, in 1900, and in Harrison County, West Virginia, in 1910.
vi. Ida B., born 1869. She married Lloyd Crites.

324. NELSON[7] SKIDMORE, was born in 1827 in Randolph County, (West) Virginia, the son of John (no.144) and Juda (Pitman) Skidmore. He had died unmarried, before 17 December 1855.

William Noe, Hugh Griffin, and Michael Drake were the appraisers of the estate of Nelson Skidmore in Kanawaha (probably that part now Roane) County. Listed are his books, saddle bags, clothing, notes, and cash, totaling $51.87. No date of appraisement is given. The sale bill and the appraisement were both recorded on 17 December 1855.

325. COLLIN[7] SKIDMORE, was born in March 1824 in Randolph County, (West) Virginia, the son of James (no. 145) and Elizabeth (Munday) Skidmore. He had died by 6 February 1903 in Walker District, Wood County, West Virginia. He married Sarah, the daughter of Levi Gainer on 3 April 1845. She was born 2 May 1828 and died 2 March 1902 aged 73 years, 10 months, no days. She was living in 1900 in Cove District, Barbour County.

Collins Skidmore had a land grant of 15 acres on Brushy Fork in Barbour County in 1853. He had moved by 1860 to Enoch Township, Noble County, Ohio, where he and his family are enumerated in the 1860 census. His wife returned to Valley Furnace, Barbour County, crossing the Ohio River in a covered wagon with her four young sons. She is living in Glade

District in 1870 near her relatives, the Gainers. In 1880 Collins, his wife, and his three youngest sons are enumerated in Cove District. They seem to have separated again by 1900.

Collins Skidmore left a will dated 15 March 1902 which was probated 6 February 1903 in Wood County, West Virginia. He was living in Walker District in that county in 1900 with his son Levi Skidmore.

Children:

i. Levi, born November 1846. He married Mary J. Van Way on 17 January 1867 in Washington County, Ohio. He was a merchant and a County Commissioner in Wood County, West Virginia. Living there in 1910, a widower, with his son-in-law Albert Fox.

ii. Allen, born 4 January 1853. He married Mary E. Gainer on 27 October 1864 in Barbour County. He was a farmer in Glade District, Barbour County, in 1880. They were living in 1910 in Black Fork District, Tucker County, West Virginia. He died October 1918.

iii. James B., born June 1857. He married Sarah F. Burley on 7 May 1880. He lived near Parkersburg, Wood County, where he and his sons were wildcatters in the oil fields. Living there in Union District, Wood county, in 1910.

iv. William W., born October 1860. He married Minerva Elizabeth Price on 19 September 1883 in Wood County, West Virginia. They were living in 1910 in Cove District, Barbour County, West Virginia. He died in 1923.

326. JETT T.[7] SKIDMORE, was born in 1806 in Greene County, Georgia, the son of Dr. Samuel (no. 146) and Nancy (Jett) Skidmore. He died soon after 8 December 1835 in Morgan County, Georgia. He married Ruth Ashley, the daughter of David and Sarah (Dawson) Furlow, who was previously the widow of Seth Thomas. She married (3) William Ballard of Morgan County, Georgia, about 1837. Sarah (Dawson) Furlow was a half sister of Dr. Samuel Skidmore.

Jett T. Skidmore was living in 1832 in Walton County, Georgia. He drew land in the lottery of 1832 in Cherokee County, Georgia.

The will of Jett T. Skidmore is dated 8 December 1835 and names Osborn S. Furlow as his sole executor; he is given broad powers to oversee the education of his children. In 1850 Harriet A. Skidmore is living with her stepfather and several half brothers and sisters named Ballard in Morgan County, Georgia.

Children:

i. Sarah W., born 1830. She married John Thomas Willis (1823-

____), a planter in Greene County, Georgia, in 1850. They lived in Wilkes County, Georgia.

ii. Mary P., born 1832. She married George W. Smith, a merchant at Madison, Morgan County, Georgia.

iii. Harriet A., born 1835. She married Augustus C. Crockett on 1 November 1855 in Greene County, Georgia.

327. CROSBY SMITH[7] SKIDMORE, was born in 1808 in Greene County, Georgia, the son of Dr. Samuel (no.146) and Nancy (Jett) Skidmore. He married (1) Eliza M., a daughter of Charles and Ann (_____) Baldwin on 25 November 1830 in Morgan County, Georgia; she died in Greene County on 8 January 1841 at the age of 28 leaving four daughters, the youngest only two days old according to a newspaper obituary, and (2) Pamelia D. Sutherland on 4 January 1842 in Columbia County, Georgia; she died soon after. He married (3) Eliza W. Smith on 21 May 1843 in Greene County, Georgia; she had died before 1850.

He had moved by 1850 to Madison County, Mississippi, where he was a planter and a widower in the census of that year. His oldest three daughters are enumerated in both Mississippi with their father and also in Morgan County, Georgia, in the household of their uncle Thomas B. Baldwin. In 1860 Crosby S. Skidmore is also enumerated in both Holmes and Madison Counties, Mississippi; in Holmes County he was living with his daughter Augusta Simmons and her family, but in Madison County he is shown as the head of family including his three youngest children.

Crosby S. Skidmore left a will dated 3 September 1861 in Madison County, Mississippi, "in feeble health." His executors were to work his hands on his home place and also on his plantation in Yazoo County, Mississippi. His daughter Sidney P. Skidmore was to have property at her marriage equal to that given to her married sisters. His son Samuel Crosby Skidmore "now in the service of his country, if he should return home alive, be sent by my executors to some first rate college in the Southern Confederacy." His grandson Daniel Jett Simmons, a son of his deceased daughter Augusta, was to have a negro boy by the name of William C. Dawson. There are legacies to her other children. He also provides that when his children Sidney Pond Skidmore and Samuel Crosby Skidmore are of age the estate is to be divided among his children and heirs of his daughter Augusta Simmons. The executors were his sons-in-law John W. Griffin and V. A. Conway. [sic; Caraway is correct]. Other documents show that he left an estate of $175,000.00 in real and personal property.

Children: (First wife)

i. Ann Augusta , born 1837. She married James Smith Simmons (1830-1862) on 21 February 1854 in Madison County, Mississippi. They lived in Holmes and Yazoo Counties, Mississippi. She was dead in 1861. He enlisted in 1862 in

Company E, 30th Regiment of Mississippi Volunteers and died soon after at Durant, Mississippi, while serving in the Confederate Army.

ii. Sara Louisa, born 1839. She married John W. Griffin on 23 February 1858 in Madison County.

iii. Eliza B., born 1841. She married Veston A. Caraway on 12 September 1860 in Madison County.

(Third wife)

iv. Sidney Pond, born 1844. She married Allen N. Smith on 8 December 1866 in Madison County. They lived in Yazoo and LeFlore Counties, Mississippi, and moved in 1887 to Issaquena County, Mississippi. He was Sheriff there in 1889 and 1891.

v. Samuel Crosby, born 1846. He enlisted in Company I, 18th Mississippi Volunteers, aged 15, on 18 April 1861. He was discharged on 1 October 1862 (after serving at Manassas, Leesburg, Savage Station, Malvern Hills, and Maryland Heights) when he was found to be underage. He enlisted 29 September 1863 at Clinton, Hinds County, Mississippi, in Company G, 28th Mississippi Cavalry, for three years. He was Brigade Scout in 1864. His company surrendered at Citronelle, Mobile County, Alabama, on 4 May 1865, and paroled at Gainsville, Sumter County, Alabama, on 12 May 1865. He and his sister Sidney had a part of their legacies from their father twelve months after the fall of the Confederacy.

328. WILLIAM[7] SKIDMORE, was born in 1806 in Randolph County, (West) Virginia, the son of James S. (no. 147) and Sarah (Kittle) Skidmore, and died in the same county on 3 March 1889 aged 83. He married Sarah, the daughter of David and Christinia (Petro) Evans on 10 January 1833. She was born in 1813 in Braxton County, and died 10 August 1878 in Randolph County.

William Skidmore is first noticed in the 1840 census of Randolph County living close to his father with his family. On 20 August 1846 James S. Skidmore and Sarah, his wife, conveyed a tract called "Barker Bottom" on the east side of Tygart's Valley River opposite the mouth of Laurel Run to their son William Skidmore. This tract is on the Randolph-Barbour County line. He was living, age 74, in 1880 with his daughter Phebe A. Skidmore in the Roaring Creek District, Randolph County.

Children:

i. Edmund S., born 12 January 1834. He married (1) Susan Catherine Williams (1839-1875), and (2) Eliza W. Caplinger (1835-1916) on 25 October 1885. He died 14 February 1896.

His widow was living in 1910 at Beverly, Randolph County, with her brother Lloyd Caplinger.

ii. Christina, born April 1836. She married William Fogg Corley (1817-1896) on 10 November 1880. He was Superintendent of Schools for Randolph County. She was living, his widow, in Leadsville District, Randolph County, in 1910.

iii. David Evans, born 11 February 1837. He married Martha Virginia Corley (1845-1929) in 1866. They were living in Leadsville District in 1900. He died 9 August 1907.

iv. James Scott, born 1 September 1839. He married Cecilia A. Tyre on 8 July 1875. James Skidmore was mustered into Company G, 10th West Virginia Infantry on 15 November 1862. He was wounded at Leetown, Virginia, on 3 July 1864 at the advance of the Confederate Army under General Early. He was never a pensioner. He died 2 December 1908. They lived at Elkins; buried Maplewood Cemetery.

v. Phebe Ann, born 1843. Never married.

vi. Charity P. born 1845. Never married, she was living in Ohio with her brother Archibald in 1900 where she died in 1916.

vii. Mary Elizabeth, born 1847. She married Creed Kittle on 2 May 1872. They were living at Phillipi, Barbour County, West Virginia, in 1880.

viii. Marshall, born 1849. Died young.

ix. Columbia, born 1852. She married John Hanafin on 16 June 1872.

x. Archibald H., born July 1859. He married (1) Georgianna Tyre on 21 November 1878, and (2) Dora A. Scott (1862-1948) on 13 September 1883. They were living in 1900 in Roaring Creek District, Randolph County, but removed to Ohio. He died in 1913 and is buried in the Center Cemetery in Fowler Township, Trumbull County, Ohio together with his second wife and his sister Charity P. Skidmore.

329. HICKMAN[7] SKIDMORE, was born in 1810 in Randolph County, (West) Virginia, the son of James S. (no. 147) and Sarah (Kittle) Skidmore. He was living in 1840 in Wesley Township, Washington County, Ohio, but died before the 1850 census. He married (1) Jane, the daughter of John and Susanna (_____) Stewart, on 5 May 1831 in Kanawha County, (West) Virginia, and (2) Phebe Ann Showers on 24 May 1838 in Washington County, Ohio. He was a printer by trade.

On 6 November 1833 Hickman Skidmore and Jane Skidmore, heirs-at-law of John Stewart, late of Washington County, Ohio, gave a quitclaim deed for their 1/9 interest in the upper part of Keller's Island (conveyed to John Stewart by Francis Keller on 18 April 1814). The heirs were Julyet, Eliza, Jane, Granville, Margaret, Tyler, George, Sarah, and Lovina. Keller's Island is in the Ohio River below the mouth of the Muskingham River; this deed was recorded in Wood County, West Virginia.

SEVENTH GENERATION

In the 1850 census William Skidmore, a son of Hickman, is living with his grandmother Susanna Stewart and his two spinster aunts Sarah and Margaret Stewart in Salisbury Township, Meigs County, Ohio. A Nancy J. Skidmore, age 8, not otherwise identified, is living with her grandfather Skidmore in 1850 at Elkins and is probably a daughter of Hickman Skidmore.

Children:

i. A daughter, born about 1833. Probably died young.

ii. William Hutchinson, born 30 April 1836 at Marietta, Washington County, Ohio. He married Euphemia Elizabeth Sallee (1846-1927) on 9 August 1864 at Troy, Lincoln County, Missouri. Enlisted 26 September 1861 at Louisiana, Missouri, in Company I, 5th Regiment of Missouri State Militia, and served in several different regiments after that, and was lastly a Second Lieutenant, mustered out 8 July 1865. He lived after the war at Troy, Lincoln County, Missouri; Minonk, Woodford County, Illinois; Chenda, McLean County, Illinois; Fairbury, Livingston County, Illinois; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (where he was a hardware dealer in 1879); El Paso, Texas (in 1900); and at Tularosa, Otera County, New Mexico. He died 17 November 1925 in the Soldier's Home at Los Angeles, California. His widow survived him in Tularosa, New Mexico.

iii. Nancy J., born 1842. Living with her grandfather at Elkins in 1850. No further record.

330. ALLEN[7] SKIDMORE, was born 27 January 1821 in Braxton County, (West) Virginia, the son of Andrew (no. 148) and Margaret (Hoskins) Skidmore, and died in the same county on 5 November 1883. He married, on 4 March 1841 in Braxton County, (1) Sarah, the daughter of Isaac and Mary (Hyer) Shaver; she was born 7 January 1824 and died 29 May 1851, and (2) Malinda, the daughter of _____ and _____ (O'Brien) Lyons, born April 1824, on 27 November 1851. She was living in 1900 in Holly District, Braxton County, and died in her 84th year, date unstated.

A tribute to the memory of Allen Skidmore will be found in John D. Sutton's History of Braxton County and Central West Virginia (1919), page 434. He served on the first grand jury following the Civil War in Braxton County on 9 October 1865. He and his wife were living in the Otter District in 1880. She was living, his widow, in 1900 with her daughter Susan Green and her son-in-law in Holly District.

Children: (First wife)

i. Salathiel, born 21 January 1842. He married Elizabeth Rogers (1844-1919) on 22 August 1865. He enlisted 27 January 1862 in Company F, 10th West Virginia Infantry,

mustered out 3 May 1865. He was an early settler on Bond Fork in Braxton County. Pensioner, 1889. He died 1 July 1915 at Little Otter, Braxton County, aged 73 years, 5 months, and 11 days.

ii. Ann, born 27 February 1843. She married Nathan Prince on 7 June 1866. They were living in Otter District, Braxton County, in 1880.

iii. Mary, born 20 January 1846. She married Harding Ruggles Friend on 6 February 1868. She died 26 March 1870.

iv. Eleanor, born 1848. She married William C. McElwain on 30 December 1868. They were living in Otter District, Braxton County, in 1880. She was living his widow, with her brother Salathiel in 1910.

v. Margaret, born 1849. She married Jennings Skidmore on 15 May 1870. She died 18 May 1874 aged 44 years, 2 months and 7 days and is buried in the Skidmore Cemetery at Sutton.

(Second wife)

vi. Lavina, born 1853. She married Allen S. Shaver (1850-____) on 31 December 1877. They were living in Otter District, Braxton County, in 1880.

vii. Alfred, born 1854. He married Maryetta Strange on 27 February 1873. He was a farmer in Otter District in 1910.

viii. Sarah, born 1856. She married Richard D. Green (1858-1936). She died in 1929.

ix. Andrew, born 1858. He married Alice Ann Carroll (1857-1917) on 26 September 1879. They were living in 1910 in Otter District.

x. Samuel, born January 1860. He married Melissa A. Rollyson (1861-1917) on 7 December 1879. He was a farmer in 1900 in Otter District.

xi. Archibald Taylor, born 1864. He married Fannie Duffield on 29 July 1901 in Braxton County.

xii. Eliza E., born 1867. She married S. M. James on 23 October 1884 in Braxton County.

xiii. Susan, born 3 April 1870. She married John M. Green, Jr., on 28 September 1889 in Braxton County. Living in Holly District in 1900.

xiv. Wilbert, born October 1872. He married Fannie F. Perkins on 24 December 1896 in Braxton County. Living in Holly District in 1900, and in Nicholas County, West Virginia, in 1910.

331. CAPTAIN FELIX[7] SKIDMORE, was born 18 April 1823 in Braxton County, the son of Andrew (no. 148) and Margaret (Hoskins) Skidmore. He died at Tesla in the same county on 12 July 1888, at the home of his son Franklin Skidmore. He married Cynthia, the daughter of David and Sarah (Harris) Frame on 28 September 1843. She was born 29 June 1824, and

died on 6 June 1893, aged 69. They are buried in the Skidmore Cemetery near Windy Run School at Tesla together with a part of their children.

He lived with his parents until the age of 17 when he began to ride as a Deputy Sheriff of Braxton County. He was later a Commissioner in Chancery, Justice of the Peace, and a Captain in the Militia from 1845 to 1850. In 1859 he went into the mercantile business at Sutton and was prospering when the war came. The Confederate raids into the town destroyed his entire stock. In 1863 he moved to Sycamore Dale in Harrison County where he entered the same business, remaining there until 1865. In 1872 he build a grist mill in the Birch District, Braxton County, which he ran for many years. He moved with his son Frank to Tesla where he died in 1888.

Children:

i. Sarah, born 16 January 1845. She married David E. Cutlip on 24 January 1861. They were living in Otter District, Braxton County, in 1880.
ii. Margaret, born 11 May 1846. She married Henry J. Boggs on 12 March 1865 in Harrison County, West Virginia. She died 4 March 1879.
iii. David, born 26 May 1848. He married (1) Amanda J. James (1856-1888) on 10 January 1871, and (2) Elizabeth A. _____ (1866-____). They were living in 1910 in Braxton County.
iv. Andrew, born 6 May 1850, died 25 November 1855.
v. Homer, born 5 August 1856. He married Sabina S. Rollyson, and was living in Otter District in 1900. He died 5 May 1901 aged 43. She married (2) Ben Carr.
vi. Franklin, born 11 August 1860. He married Susan E. Dean (1864-1948), and was living in Otter District in 1910 and died in 1949.
vii. Harriet, born 24 August 1863. She married Anderson Carr, a widower, of Birch District, Braxton County.
viii. Henry F., born 28 June 1866. He married (1) Alvira C. Armontrout on 6 October 1889, and (2) Martha B. Lough (1882-____) on 12 September 1901 in Webster County, West Virginia.

332. HILLIARD[7] SKIDMORE, was born 7 May 1829 at Sutton Braxton County, the son of Benjamin (no. 152) and Mary (Gordon) Skidmore, and died at Canfield, Otter District, in the same county on 5 October 1904 of a stroke. He married Elizabeth Jane, the daughter of John and Elizabeth (Hart) Roby on 13 December 1849 at the home of Joseph Roby. The ceremony was performed by Reverend David Frame. She was born 19 September 1829 at Chillicothe, Ross County, Ohio, and died 25 May 1907 at Canfield.

He worked as a young boy in his father's inn at Sutton, and farmed after

his marriage at Canfield in the same county. It was then a village in Otter District, about 10 miles southwest of Sutton, with a few stores, a church or two, and a schoolhouse. It was named for Benjamin T. Canfield who had married his sister Sabina Skidmore; he had a farm adjacent to the village and was the first postmaster there. Both his mother, Mary (Gordon) Skidmore, and his mother-in-law, Elizabeth (Hart) Roby, lived with him there; the two old ladies were devoted companions.

Hilliard and his brother John Newhouse Skidmore both enlisted on 4 October 1862 in Company I of the 17th Virginia Cavalry, Confederate States Army. In January 1863 this company was transferred to the 14th Virginia Cavalry when it became Company L. Mention has been made elsewhere of the record of J. N. Skidmore in this company. Late in the war the citizens of Braxton County were harassed by a group of Confederate renegades under "Captain" Jack Tunning who certainly had no commission for his kind of thievery and mischief from the Confederate authorities. They tried to impress men into the Confederate army and scoured the countryside looking for deserters. On one occasion they came to the house of Hilliard Skidmore while he was gone and took all of his horses (save one) and all his cattle. His wife, then pregnant, had hid her sidesaddle and some supplies under a trap door which she then covered with a rug and stood on it (surrounded by her young children) while the Confederate raiders were in the house. Hilliard had hid his rifle in the hay in the barn and it was not found, and his wife managed to prevail upon the raiders to leave her one horse. On another occasion they forced Hilliard to carry a sack of corn from his house on foot to Big Buffalo Creek (some six or seven miles) to get it ground for them.

In order to protect themselves and their families the men in the neighborhood organized a company of Home Guards with John D. Barnett as their Captain. Hilliard Skidmore was enrolled in the company which hid for a time in a cave near Buck Fork, a few miles from his home. The women would ride in with food and supplies for the men there. They were also encamped for a time at Tucker's Knob. He was badly wounded in one skirmish with the renegades by a blow to the head; his horse dragged him home slowly, his foot caught in the stirrup. He suffered a skull fracture which troubled him the rest of his life. Barnett's company saw little action otherwise, but they were at the battle of Bulltown on 13 October 1863. Hilliard Skidmore had the fairly uncommon distinction of serving in both the Union and Confederate Armies.

After the war he became the mainstay of the Methodist Church at Canfield where he was Superintendent of the Sunday School for many years. A photograph from this period shows him with a lean face and a short white beard. His son James Hanson Skidmore took over the management of the home farm when he came of age. Hilliard Skidmore provided for his children during his lifetime deeding each of them a farm of 100 acres as they married. He died of a stroke at his home on 5 October 1905.

Children:

i. David, born 28 January 1851. Died the same day.

ii. Aramintha, born 24 October 1852. Died an infant on 27 December 1853.

iii. Thomas, born 20 June 1854. Died an infant 27 June 1854.

iv. Andrew Felix, born 16 May 1855. He married Elizabeth Hamric on 11 November 1877. Living Otter District in 1900.

v. Benjamin Franklin, born 4 January 1857. He never married and lived with his brother James Hanson Skidmore. He died 17 June 1940 at Geneva, Ashtabula County, Ohio.

vi. Mary Elizabeth, born 10 November 1858. She married Benjamin Barney Starbuck (1853-1901) on 27 June 1877 in Braxton County. She died 14 July 1890 and is buried in the Skidmore Cemetery at Sutton.

vii. Sarah Alice, born 2 December 1861. She married Joseph L. F. Carper on 22 December 1879. They moved in 1907 to Ashtabula, Ashtabula County, Ohio.

viii. Sabina Ellen, born 25 May 1863. She married Caleb B. Carper (1851-1906) on 30 March 1881; he was a brother of the husband of Sarah Alice Skidmore, her sister. She was living in the 1930s.

ix. James Hanson, born 14 April 1865. He married Amelia Stonestreet (1870-1940) on 29 October 1884. He moved after the death of his mother in 1907 to Denmark, Ashtabula County, Ohio, where he was an orchardist for many years. He lived for brief interludes at Akron, Summit County, Ohio, where he owned a house at 796 Kenyon Street in 1910, at Cuyahoga Falls in the same county, and for about 18 months at Huntingdon, Carroll County, Tennessee. He returned to Ohio and settled at Geneva, Ashtabula County, in 1921 where he continued to cultivate fruit. After his retirement he purchased a house at 329 Eagle Street in that town and operated a grocery throughout the depression which fed many of his friends and neighbors on credit. He died on 13 August 1939 at Geneva and he and his wife are buried in the cemetery at Jefferson, Ashtabula County, Ohio, together with a part of their children.

x. Rebecca Jane, born 26 February 1867. She married John Carter.

333. SAMUEL COLE[8] SKIDMORE, was born 19 July 1817 in Sussex County, New Jersey, the son of Nathaniel (no. 153) and Martha (Cole) Skidmore, and died 5 June 1894 in Washington Township, Darke County, Ohio. He married Susan, the daughter of Henry Rarick on 11 March 1847. She was born 30 October 1829 and died 6 April 1909 aged 79 years, 5 months, 7 days. He was 76 years, 10 months, 17 days old at death; both are buried in Sharpeye Cemetery.

He was a farmer in Washington Township, Darke County, Ohio. His will is dated 24 April 1883 and left all his estate to his wife Susannah, including the farm where they resided in the northwest corner of Section 29 containing about 148 acres. She was also to have his stock, household goods, furniture, provisions, and all his chattels. Susan Skidmore was named the executrix, to serve without bond.

She lived for a time after his death in Union City, Randolph County, Indiana, but in 1900 she and an unmarried daughter Carrie are living in Washington Township, Darke County, Ohio.

Children:

i. Sarah, born 1850. She married Ira McClure on 5 August 1869. She died 17 January 1871 aged 21 years, 3 months, 28 days, and is buried in Sharpeye Cemetery. He married (2) Rebecca Musselman.

ii. Albina, born 1851. She married George Warner, and was living at Union City, Randolph County, Indiana, in 1894.

iii. Martha, born 28 November 1852. She died 27 May 1868 aged 15 years, 5 months, 29 days, and is buried in Sharpeye Cemetery.

iv. Daniel W., born December 1854. He married Eliza A. McCool on 24 February 1876. He was living in 1894 in Union City, Randolph County, Indiana, and in 1900 at Lawrenceburg, Lawrence County, Tennessee.

v. Laura B., born 1857. She married John F. Musselman. They were living in 1894 at Willshire, Van Wert County, Ohio.

vi. Benjamin Franklin, born January 1859. He married Ida M. Creviston (1865-1933) on 22 May 1884. He was a school teacher in 1880. He died in 1943, and is buried in Sharpeye Cemetery. A picture of his house (built of burned brick in 1846 by Daniel Rarick) will be found in Steven J. Miller's The Palestine Book (1983).

vii. Orin, born 27 January 1862. Died 5 March 1887 aged 25 years, 1 month, 9 days.

viii. Dora, born 1864. She married Luther C. Horn on 8 June 1887. Living at Winchester, Randolph County, Indiana, in 1894.

ix. Mollie, born 1866. She married Samuel C. Alexander on 15 December 1888. They were living at Fountain City, Wayne County, Indiana, in 1894.

x. Carrie, born April 1868. Living unmarried at Union City, Randolph County, Indiana, in 1894 and in Darke County, Ohio, in 1900 with her mother.

xi. Maggie, born 1871. She married Frank E. Kester (1868-____). Living at Union City, Indiana, in 1894, and in Washington Township, Darke County, Ohio, in 1910.

334. TIMOTHY[8] SKIDMORE, was born in 1823 in Sussex County, New Jersey, the son of Nathaniel (no. 153) and Martha (Cole) Skidmore. He had died before the 1870 census. He married Elizabeth, the daughter of Elias and Naomi (LaFon) Harless; she was born in 1827 in Washington County, Virginia and was living, his widow, in 1910 with her son James H. Skidmore in Darke County.

He was a farmer in Washington Township, Darke County, Ohio.

Children:

i. James H., born February 1851. He married Ida L. Smith (1851- 1913) on 3 March 1874. He was living in Darke County in 1910 but was buried in 1915 in the Union City Cemetery, Randolph County, Indiana.

ii. Anodelia, born 29 September 1852, died an infant on 2 August 1853. Buried in the Sharpeye Cemetery, aged 10 months, 3 days.

iii. Hester Olive, born 16 April 1854, died 12 June 1854 aged 1 month, 27 days.

iv. Florence N., born 1856.

v. Lincoln, born 1861.

vi. Henzie Baxter, born June 1865. He married Ida M. Binkley (1865-1909) on 10 February 1892. He died in 1943 and is buried at the Union City Cemetery, Randolph County, Indiana. Baxter Skidmore, his son Harry A., and his mother-in-law Sophia Binkley were living in Darke County in 1910.

335. JOSEPH[8] SKIDMORE, was born 20 November 1811 at Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut, the son of Samuel Bates (no. 169) and Nancy (Sammis) Skidmore. He was living there in the 1880 census. He married Mary E. Brotherton on 4 July 1839 at Norwalk; she was born in 1818 in Connecticut and was also living in 1880 at 97 Water Street, in Norwalk.

He was a painter at Norwalk. No probate has been found for him there.

Children:

i. Joseph H., born 1840. He married (1) Emily C. Sherwood (1843-1871), and (2) Martha C. Wheeler (1842-1908). He was a soldier in the Civil War from Norwalk; never pensioned.

He was living in 1880 at Fairfield, Connecticut, and died there in 1887. Buried in the East Cemetery, Fairfield.

ii. Eliza F., born 1846. She married George Mitchell on 12 January 1865. Living with her father in Norwalk in 1880. She died 29 January 1881 aged 34 years, 10 months, and is buried in the Pine Island Cemetery at Norwalk.

iii. William E., born 28 October 1847. He died in October 1849 of dysentery, aged 2, according to the mortality schedule of the 1850 census.

336. LEWIS VINCENT[8] SKIDMORE, was born 29 May 1830 at Gilboa, Schoharie County, New York, the son of John (no. 171) and Ruth (_____) Skidmore. He died 8 February 1916 in Whitewater Township, Winona County, Minnesota, and was buried two days later in the Whitewater Cemetery. He married Mary Ellen, the daughter of Timothy and Eleanor (_____) Moore on 19 November 1848 at Gilboa, Schoharie County, New York. She was born July 1831 and died 7 October 1918. He was aged 86 years, 8 months, 10 days at death.

Lewis Skidmore moved in 1856 to Whitewater Falls, Minnesota. He served as a Sergeant in Company L, 2nd Minnesota Cavalry in the Civil War, and was enrolled on 2 December 1863 at Fort Snelling and discharged 4 May 1866. Descendants state that some relative of Lewis Skidmore died about the time of the Civil War on Long Island but that he was not able to return to New York to see about it.

Children:

i. Melvin Henry, born 31 March 1850. He was living in 1880 in Cass County, North Dakota (then Dakota Territory), but married Nellie Jerusha Bigelow (1853-1935) on 10 January 1884 at Whitewater Falls. They were living there in 1900, but he died on 30 June 1937 at Williston, Williams County, North Dakota.

ii. Cyrenus Alvin, born 23 August 1851. He married Jennie _____; they were living in 1880 in Plainview Township, Wabasha County, Minnesota. He was living alone at 213 Fourth Street, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, in 1900 (his wife Jennie was in Ramsey County, Minnesota), and died in 1901.

iii. John Wesley, born 24 March 1853. He married Emma Maude Murdock. He was living with his parents in 1900.

iv. Eleanor R., born 25 January 1855.

v. Franklin, born 1858. Died age 16.

vi. Susan Esther, born 1860. She married Charles F. Bemis (1861-____), a farmer about 1888. They were living in 1900 in Plainview Township, Wabasha County, Minnesota.

vii. Edward, born 7 October 1866. He married Estella Waters in 1896. Living in 1900 at Whitewater Falls,

Minnesota.

viii. Mary Ellen, born 11 May 1870.

ix. Estella, born 31 October 1875. She married in 1897 David H. Norton, a saloon keeper of St. Charles, Winona County, Minnesota. They were living there on Whitewater Street in 1900.

337. JOEL[8] SKIDMORE was born 12 July 1819 at Brooklyn, Kings County, Long Island (or New York City according to his death record), the son of Isaac (no. 173) and Mary (Robertson) Skidmore. He died 28 January 1908 at Canarsie, Long Island, aged 88 years, 6 months, 16 days, at his home on East 92nd Street near Avenue L. He married (1) Mary Anna Seaman on 21 July 1837 at the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Brooklyn; he is called of Flatlands Neck and she was from Hempstead. She was born on 12 August 1819 the daughter of Sylvanus and Ann (_____) Seaman, and died 22 December 1886, and was the mother of all of his children. He married (2) Martha Matilda Morgan, who was born in England in August 1846 and died in 1914 at Canarsie. Joel Skidmore and his first wife are buried in the Remsen Avenue Cemetery.

In 1843 Joel Skidmore was the proprietor of an eatinghouse on James Street near Market in Brooklyn. In 1850 he is enumerated at Canarsie, a fisherman. He is frequently called "Chief" Joel, and was long regarded by others as the last of the Canarsie Indians. (He is said to have been a "Chickpenny" Indian in the right of his mother according to his descendants.) In 1872 he became a court officer or crier in the Kings County Supreme Court, an office he held until a year before his death. He spent his last days fishing and clamming about Jamaica Bay. A man of high intelligence, he had read law in his youth. He possessed a wealth of information about the history of Jamaica Bay.

His wife Martha Matilda Skidmore had lived for half a century at 1382 East 92nd Street, Canarsie, according to an obituary in the New York Times of 1 May 1914. Her will remembers her stepdaughter Cornelia Ryder, a sister, and her nephews and nieces.

The will of Joel Skidmore dated 23 October 1905 mentions his daughters Cornelia Ryder, Amanda Mathews, Selina McAvoy, his widow, and a grandson Joel Frederick Cooper of Chelsea, Massachusetts.

Children:

i. Catherine Ann, born 1838. She married John Thomas Burr (1840-1916) on 14 March 1866 at the Reformed Dutch Church on Fourth Street, Brooklyn. They lived for a time at Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee, but she died 1894 at New Milford, Litchfield County, Connecticut. Buried there in the Center Cemetery.

ii. Julia Emeline, born 13 October 1839. She married James

Thomas Cooper (1833-1922) on 4 February 1856. They lived at Canarsie where she died 31 July 1873. He married (2) Agnes F. Trumble on 7 October 1877.

iii. Margaret, born 1845. Living at home in 1860.

iv. Sarah Jane, born 1847. She was living unmarried with her parents at Canarsie in 1880.

v. Amelia, born 26 January 1949. She married Harvey D. Allen, a widower. They lived at Canarsie.

vi. Joel T., born 1854. Living at home in 1860.

vii. Amanda, born May 1859. She married Ira Mathews (1857-___). a bayman. They were living in 1900 on Stillwell Lane, Canarsie, near her father.

viii. Cornelia, born March 1862. She married Walter Ryder (1853-____), a fisherman. They were living on 92nd Street, Canarsie in 1900.

ix. Selina, born September 1864. She married Richard McAvoy ____), a pilot. They were living on 92nd Street, Canarsie, in 1900.

338. ISAAC[8] SKIDMORE, was born on 12 April 1821 at Brooklyn, Long Island, the son of Isaac (no. 173) and Mary (Robertson) Skidmore. He was living in 1900 in Capeville District, Northampton County, Virginia, and died 31 May 1904. (He is said to be buried in the Canarsie Cemetery.) He married (1) on 27 November 1838 at the Flatbush Reformed Church, Phebe Jane Mathews; they are both called "of Flatlands." She was born 15 March 1820 and died 26 November 1873, and was a sister of Counselor Jacob Mathews (1828-1902). He married (2) Anna Maria Baldwin who was born in April 1851 and who was living with him in the 1900 census. She was the mother of his seven youngest children, all of whom were living in 1900.

Isaac Skidmore, Junior, is first noticed at Flatlands in the 1840 census. In 1850 he is called a grocer, but in 1860 and 1870 he was the proprietor of a hotel at Canarsie. He was postmaster there in 1870 and thereafter. In the 1880 census he is listed again as a grocer and farmer. He moved to the York River in Virginia where he bought land which was taken over soon after by the Naval Academy. He next went to Cape Charles in Northampton County, Virginia, where he purchased Skidmore's Island. He died on 31 May 1904. His widow Anna and her sons Jake and Clay were living in 1910 in Northampton County, Virginia.

Children: (First wife)

i. Isaac Henry, born 5 May 1839. He married (1 Elizabeth Raynor (1841-1862), and (2) Anna Irene Mathews (____-1932) and removed with his father to Cape Charles, Virginia. He died there 9 January 1907.

ii. William, born 18 June 1841. Died 9 September 1845.

iii. Phebe Jane, born 20 June 1844. She married Janeway Bogart.

He served in the Civil War; she was a widow in 1865. She died 26 September 1880.

iv. Abraham William, born 16 May 1846. He married Amelia E. Bogart. He served in Company W, 56th New York Infantry in the Civil War. He was a policeman at Flatlands in 1880. He died at Farmingdale, Nassau County, New York, on 4 March 1932.

v. Margaret Amanda, born 15 November 1848. She married Livingston Vreeland Davis (1848-1935). He died 11 February 1946 aged 97, and is buried in the Canarsie Cemetery close to her father and grandfather.

vi. Mahala Emma, born 25 February 1851. She married Jacob Casine Rumph (1847-1912) on 5 September 1869, a blacksmith at Canarsie. She died 16 May 1947 aged 96; lived at 9317 Flatlands Avenue, Canarsie.

vii. George, born 18 June 1853. Died 3 June 1855.

viii. John R., born 24 May 1854. He married Elizabeth Ryder. He lived at 1262 East 94th Street, Canarsie. Died 23 February 1955.

ix. Martha Maude, born 23 February 1857. She married Joseph Ennis. She died at Greenville, New York, on 10 March 1942.

x. Mary Ann, born 5 November 1859. She married George Serine (or Serene) (1857-1894). They lived at Canarsie; she died 10 March 1942.

xi. Caroline Alinda (Caddie), born 25 February 1863. She married (1) _____ Warner, and (2) Joshua Frost. Lived in California.

(Second Wife)

i. Charles H., born October 1872. An oysterman at Cape Charles in 1900.

xiii. Lizzie B., born March 1879. She married Joseph White, and lived at Townsend, Northampton County, Virginia.

xiv. Carman B., born September 1882. He was an oysterman at Cape Charles in 1900.

xv. Alice A., born February 1883. At home in 1900. She married Samuel Milner.

xvi. Jacob E., born November 1885. An oysterman at Cape Charles in 1900. Lived Townsend, Virginia.

xvii. George W., born June 1889. He married Minnie Davis about 1907, a sister of Livingston Davis, and had several children. Lived Townsend, Virginia.

xviii. Henry C., born June 1892. He married Estelle _____ and had issue. Lived Townsend, Virginia.

339. JARVIS[8] SKIDMORE, was born 4 October 1819 at Islip, Suffolk County, Long Island, the son of John (no. 174) and Hannah (Jarvis) Skidmore. He died at the same place on 22 May 1896. He married (1)

Joanna _____, who was born 2 August 1826, and who died 20 December 1865 aged 39 years, 4 months, 18 days, and is buried beside her husband in the Good Ground Cemetery at Hampton Bays, Long Island. He married (2) Hannah (Anna), the daughter of Abraham and Lucy (Downs) Edwards, about 1871. She was born in April 1844 and was living in 1900 at Great River, Islip. She was the mother of his five youngest children, of whom three were living in 1900.

Jarvis Skidmore was a blacksmith and lived at Good Ground (Northampton Bays) in Southampton, and at Youngport in Islip.

Children: (First wife)

i. Louisa J., born May 1844. She married John White in 1875. He was a policeman at Great River, Islip, in 1900. She died in 1939.
ii. William J., born October 1846. Never married, he died in 1916 and is buried in the Good Ground Cemetery near his parents.
iii. Eliza C., born 26 May 1848. Died 7 January 1866.
iv. Josephine, born 1852. She married Adam Miller and was living at Brooklyn, Long Island, in 1896.
v. Caroline, born November 1855. She married William Rhodes in 1877. He was a bayman and they were living at Great River, Islip, in 1896.
vi. Jesse, born February 1860. He married Cornelia _____ in 1882. He was a bayman at Great River, Islip, in 1900.

(Second wife)

vii. Lucy E., born June 1878. Living with her mother in 1900.
viii. Lewis Roy, born September 1882. At home in 1900.
ix. Ada Jarvis, born February 1886. At home in 1900.

340. JAMES O.[8] SKIDMORE, was born on 21 August 1821 at Islip, Suffolk County, Long Island, the son of John (no. 174) and Hannah (Jarvis) Skidmore. He died at the same place on 4 March 1873. He married (before the 1850 census) Selina _____, who was born in 1808 in Connecticut. She was living, his widow, at Youngport in Islip in 1880.

He was a farmer and a fisherman at Islip. His heirs in 1873 were his widow Selina, and his brothers Jarvis of Islip, John of Good Ground, Charles of Islip, and his two sisters Juliana Warner of Good Ground and Marietta Bellows of the same place.

In the 1850 census of Islip his sister Caroline Skidmore, aged 14, and Edward Hallett, aged 14, are living in his household. Edward Hallett is not identified but he might have been the son of Selina Skidmore by a previous marriage; she was considerably older than her Skidmore husband.

In 1860 they were living alone at Islip.

341. GEORGE S.[8] SKIDMORE, was born 6 March 1824 at Islip, Suffolk County, Long Island, the son of John (no. 174) and Hannah (Jarvis) Skidmore. He died in November 1904 at Southampton, Long Island. He married Catherine A. Brown, who was born 22 February 1823 and was living, his widow, in 1910. She died 4 April 1913. She was a sister of Jane C. Brown (1820-1891), the fourth wife of John Skidmore (no. 174).

He was a farmer, wheelwright and a blacksmith at Good Ground in Southampton, Long Island. When he became the second lighthouse keeper at Shinnecock he also kept a forge on the lighthouse property. Later he had a blacksmith shop where the present (1984) post office is located at Good Ground. He was succeeded in the business by his son Timothy Allen Skidmore (with whom he was living in 1900). The shop burned in 1909 but was rebuilt. Jarvis Skidmore, Timothy's son, later operated a service station here called The Blue Front Garage (later Skidmore's Cash Garage).

Children:

i. George Martin, born 1847. He married Sarah M. Ross on 7 May 1872. He was a policeman at 31 McDougal Street in New York City in 1880.

ii. Selina Jennie, born April 1849. She married Joseph G. Fields on 19 September 1871 at First Church (Presbyterian) Southold. She was living in 1900 with her brother Thomas B. Skidmore at Southold, Long Island.

iii. Ardelia Jarvis, born 1851. She married (1) William A. Smith (____-1882) on 28 March 1867, and (2) Floyd A. Overton (1856-1910) on 24 December 1884. Lived at Patchoque, Suffolk County, Long Island. She was the mother of Grant M. Overton (1887-1930), the novelist and literary critic.

iv. Thomas B., born 4 August 1854. He married Sophia Edwards on 13 April 1880. Living at Brooklyn, Long Island, in 1911.

v. Timothy Allen, born July 1857. He married Caroline S. Meshutt on 12 March 1890. He was a blacksmith at Hampton Bays where they were living in 1910.

vi. Ency C., born 1860. She married Seymour L. Squires on 5 March 1878. He was a storekeeper at Good Ground in 1880.

342. BRYANT[8] SKIDMORE, was born on 3 August 1800 at Northport, Suffolk County, Long Island, the son of David (no. 180) and Sarah (Bryant) Skidmore. He married Mary, the daughter of John and Dorothy (Smith) Smith (of the "Bull" Smith family) on 30 December 1830 at Smithtown. (She is sometimes called a daughter of Nathaniel and Margaret Smith, but they were her maternal grandparents.) She was born 28 October 1803 at Smithtown and died 4 September 1890 at Northport, aged 86 years, 10

months, 12 days. Bryant Skidmore died 21 June 1881 at Eaton Neck, Long Island.

Bryant Scidmore was elected a Trustee of Huntington on 1 April 1845. He was a farmer and a Presbyterian. He lived at his death in the Bryant Scidmore House on East Main Street in Northport. It was the oldest house in Northport, and was still standing and occupied in 1968.

Children:

i. David Smith, born 15 November 1831. He was an Inspector of Elections in District No. 1 at Huntington on 1 April 1862. Never married; he died 12 August 1877 aged 45 (newspaper obituary).

ii. Hannah Eliza, born 8 September 1833. Never married; she died 13 March 1912 at Northport, aged 78. She was a dressmaker.

iii. Nathaniel A., born 19 January 1837. Never married; he died 22 January 1917 at Amityville. He is buried in the Northport Rural Cemetery.

iv. Anna Morrison, born 19 July 1839. She married George A. Robbins (1846-1899) on 12 May 1869 at Northport. She died 20 February 1923 at Northport.

v. Agnes McColley (Nancy), born 12 December 1841. She married Richard H. Williams on 7 December 1865 at Vernon Valley. She died 9 March 1873 at Amityville, aged 31 years, 2 months and 29 days according to her tombstone in the Amityville Cemetery. He married (2) Anna Van Ness.

vi. George H., born 15 December 1845. He married Sarah J. McColley. He was a ship carpenter at Greenport, Long Island, in 1880. Died 28 November 1909.

vii. John H., born 15 May 1847. He married Louisa A. Lewis (1852-____) on 5 January 1876. He was a farmer at Northport. Died 1 January 1887; buried Genola Cemetery. His widow was living in 1900.

343. CHARLES[8] SKIDMORE, was born in 1812 at Northport, Long Island, the son of Jesse (no.181) and Fannie (Higby) Skidmore. He died at the same place on 19 October 1893, aged 81 years, 4 months at his death. He married (1) Susan, the daughter of James Bishop; she was born in 1814 and died 3 April 1862, and (2) Amelia, the daughter of Orla Hall; she was born December 1836 and was living in 1900 at Huntington in the household of Alonzo Buffet (who is called her brother; perhaps brother-in-law is intended?)

He was a farmer at Northport. No children by either of his wives.

344. CAPTAIN DAVID[8] SKIDMORE, was born in 1820 at Northport, Suffolk

County, Long Island, the son of Jesse (no.181) and Fannie (Higby) Skidmore. He died at the same place on 31 March 1888 aged 67 years, 11 months at death. He was twice married: (1) Hannah Bishop, born 1832 and died 1851, and (2) Ruth Bishop, born 7 November 1829 and died 18 August 1903, aged 73 years, 9 months, 11 days. She was a daughter of Samuel Bishop of Northport, Long Island, and it would seem likely (but unproven) that his first wife was her younger sister.

He is called variously Captain, mariner, or boatman, in the census records. In 1850 he is called a merchant, and he and his wife Hannah were living in the household of Captain Hezekiah Sanford (who married Sarah Scudder Skidmore). Also in the household was his spinster aunt, Mary Skidmore, aged 77. In 1880 he had apparently retired from the sea, and he was living at Northport, a painter. His widow is living alone on Main Street in Northport in 1900.

Hannah Hart, his daughter, was a niece and heir of her uncle Charles in 1892.

Child: (First wife)

i. Hannah, born May 1851. She married Milton Hartt. He was a hotel keeper at Huntington in 1900.

345. THOMAS[8] SKIDMORE, was born 2 October 1825 at Northport, Suffolk County, Long Island, the son of Jesse (no.181) and Fannie (Higby) Skidmore. He died at Larkfield, Long Island, on 27 June 1907. He married Mary Ann Smith, born 12 October 1830 and died 10 December 1865. They are both buried in Genola Cemetery.

He was a farmer at Larkfield (East Northport), Suffolk County, Long Island.

Children:

i. Georgianna, born May 1851. She married Joseph K. Rudyard. He was a farmer at East Northport in 1900.
ii. Fannie A., born 9 October 1852. She married (1) Edward L. Darling on 21 October 1870, and (2) Chester Treadwell Smith (1852-1922). They lived at Stoney Brook, Long Island.
iii. Alice Elizabeth, born 1856. She married Frank Corwin and lived at Riverhead, Long Island.
iv. Elmer E., born July 1862. He married Georgetta A. Brown. He was Treasurer of Northport in 1929.

346. CAPTAIN JOEL[8] SCIDMORE, was born 31 December 1799 at Northport, Suffolk County, Long Island, the son of Captain Joel (no. 182) and Hannah (Hoyt) Scidmore. He married on 20 February 1820, Mary, the daughter

of Eliphalet and Bridget (Scudder) Arthur. She was born 9 October 1795 and died on 16 November 1865 at Northport aged 70. Captain Joel Scidmore died 8 September 1865 at Crabmeadow aged 65. Both are buried in the Scidmore plot at Crabmeadow.

He was a sea captain and farmer at Northport, Long Island.

Children:

i. Ann Maria, born 19 November 1820. She married John Ward Perrott (1798-1863) on 23 September 1844. She died 31 October 1887.

ii. Captain Eliphalet Arthur, born 17 April 1823. He married Frances Ann Skidmore (1830-1898). He died 14 March 1865 at Northport, aged 42. They are buried in the Genola Cemetery. Their daughters belong to the tenth generation:

Children:

a. Kate, born 22 November 1850, died 22 September 1852, an infant.

b. Rosa, born 1 June 1856. She married _____ Webb, and lived at Northport in 1898 the sole heir of her mother.

iii. Jane Gazlay, born 6 June 1826. She married Richard L. Fleet (1818-1895) on 16 June 1850. He was a farmer at Centreport, Long Island. She died 26 June 1891.

iv. Margaret A., born 5 April 1830. She married Elbert Arthur (1829-1906) on 19 June 1855. He was a farmer at Northport, Long Island. She died 14 January 1891.

v. Mary M., born 17 November 1833. Never married, she was on the Board of Directors of the Bank of Northport, and an officer of the Northport Water Works Company. She lived at Washington, D. C., and Greenwich, Fairfield County, Connecticut, but died 25 October 1914 at Northport. At the time of her death she was the oldest woman trust company director in the United States.

vi. Joel Graves, born 13 November 1838. He married (1) Alice Udall on 13 June 1866, and (2) Laura Cheshire (1860-1890) on 23 November 1879; she married (2) John Perrott Fleet on 9 November 1887. Joel G. Scidmore died 2 August 1884.

347. BREWSTER P.[8] SKIDMORE, was born 15 May 1813 at Northport, Suffolk County, Long Island, the son of Platt (no.183) and Hannah (Driggs) Skidmore. He died 28 November 1867 at Amityville, Long Island. He married Abigail, the daughter of David and Sarah (Bryant) Skidmore. She was born 29 July 1803 and was living a widow at Babylon, Long Island, in 1880. Brewster Skidmore was buried, aged 54 years, 6 months and 13 days

according to his tombstone in the Oakwood Corporation Cemetery at Amityville.

Brewster P. Skidmore was a partner with J. Amherst Woodhull in a general store at Huntington. They purchased it in 1846 from the bankrupt estate of Samuel and Joel Kelcy who kept the store in the old wing (built 1653) of the house called "Latting's Hundred." It was owned originally by Richard Latting; Brewster Skidmore bought the house and moved the store out using the old house as his residence. It is the oldest house to survive in central Long Island. He transferred store and fixtures to a location at the corner of Park Avenue and East Main Street in Huntington where it operated for over 40 years; still later it became a foster home for girls. It was torn down about 1920.

Children:

i. Woodhull, born 12 December 1834. He married (1) Martha E. Williams on 22 May 1857, and (2) S. Louise Hard. He was a merchant and Town Clerk at Babylon, Suffolk County, Long Island. Living 1911 at Patchaque, Long Island.

ii. A son, born 10 February 1837. Died an infant 29 September 1837; buried Caledonia Hills Cemetery, Huntington.

iii. Charles B., born 16 March 1845. He married Emily _____, and they were living at Hempstead, Queens County, Long Island, in 1911.

348. CAPTAIN WILLIAM B.[8] SKIDMORE, was born in 1822 at Northport, Suffolk County, Long Island, the son of Platt (no. 183) and Nancy B. (Gazlay) Skidmore. He died 14 April 1899 at Williamsburg, Kings County, Long Island. The name of his first wife (and the mother of his children) is unknown. He married (2) Martha J. Green on 11 October 1863 at New York City. He was then aged 42, a widower, and born New York; she was aged 28 and single. They lived at 100 Clinton Street, New York City.

William Skidmore is first noticed in the 1840 census of the First Ward of Municipality No. 2 in New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana, where is living alone, aged 15-20. In 1847 he is listed as W. B. Skidmore, a boatman on the steamer Empire, in the directory of Troy, New York. In 1850 he and his brother Charles O. Skidmore are both listed in the New York City directory at 334 Eighth Street; William B. is an engineer. He is there in 1852 (at 48 Harrison Street), but in 1853 he had moved to the Greenpoint district of Williamsburg where he was an engineer on Washington at the corner of J Street.

In 1860 the three children of William B. Skidmore are living with their grandmother, Nancy B. Cantine (previously the wife of Platt Skidmore), at Locke in Cayuga County, New York. William B. Skidmore was presumably in Japan at this date.

He served as Chief Engineer on the Pacific Mail Steamship Line and was later in charge of the line's repair shops at Yokahama, Japan. He returned to New York in 1872 to work for the Brooklyn and New York Ferry Company, where he continued until he retired in 1898. He had crossed the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans over 200 times and had been around the world four times. He was a Freemason.

He died at his home at 47 Division Street, Williamsburg, survived (according to an obituary in the New York Times) by a daughter and two sons.

Children:

i. Matilda Josephine, born 1850 in New York City. She married (1) _____ Manning, and (2) _____ Cruikshank.

ii. William E., born December 1851. He was living, a widower, with his daughter Mabel Skidmore at 121 South 2nd Street, Brooklyn, in 1900.

iii. Jonas C., born July 1853. He married Matilda W. _____. He was an attorney in Brooklyn, and living there in 1899 at 201 Rutledge Street. In 1900 they were living at 705 First Avenue, Asbury Park, Monmouth County, New Jersey. His will was probated 13 January 1910 at Brooklyn; his wife Matilda W. Skidmore was the executrix.

349. CHARLES O.[8] SKIDMORE, was born in 1824 probably at either Northport, Suffolk County, Long Island, or New York City, the son of Platt (no.183) and Nancy B. (Gazlay) Skidmore. He died in March 1865 on Union Avenue, near Eagle, in Brooklyn. He married Phebe A. _____, who was born in June 1832. She married (2) about 1871, Jacob R. Voorhees, and they were living in 1900 on Argyle Place, Kearny, Hudson County, New Jersey.

He is first noticed in the New York City directory of 1850 when he and his brother William B. Skidmore are both living at 336 Eighth Street. Charles O. Skidmore is listed as an engineer. He is there in 1851 (at 95 N. Moore Street) but moved by 1856 to Union Avenue (near Eagle) in Brooklyn, where he remained until his death. In 1867 his widow Phebe appears at the same address running a boarding house. She last appears in 1871 as the widow Skidmore at 124 Union Street. She probably remarried in the same year.

Children:

i. Charles O., born 1850. He married (1) Ursala E. Nearing (1851-1876); she died at Syracuse, Onondaga County, New York, and (2) Eloise _____ (1860-____). They were living in Lloyd Township, Ulster County, New York, in 1900. He had

lived in New Jersey in 1882 and 1884.

ii. Eugene, born 1852. He was living in 1900, unmarried, with his mother and stepfather at Kearny, New Jersey, a painter.

iii. Edward R., born 1854. Living at home in 1860.

iv. Addie, born 1857. She married Homer E. Brownell of Stamford, Delaware County, New York, on 7 October 1874. She is called "of Mitchell Station, Virginia."

v. Jane A., born 1860.

vi. Albert, born 1863.

350. JOSIAH HALSTEAD[8] SCIDMORE, was born 11 May 1806 at Troy, Rensselaer County, New York, the son of James (no. 185) and Nancy (Halstead) Skidmore. He was living in 1880 on Madison Street, Rochester, Fulton County, Indiana. His date of death is unknown at present, but he "Died of a cold" according to a niece. He married Maria _____; she was born 3 August 1806 and died 3 July 1870 at Waterford, Saratoga County, New York. She was buried in the Waterford Cemetery aged 63 years, 11 months.

He was a shoemaker by trade. In 1871 he is listed in the directory of Saratoga County as the proprietor of a shoeshop at 29 Third Street in Waterford (or this might be the shoeshop of his son of the same name). Sometime after this date he removed to Indiana with his son. There was no probate there or in New York on his estate.

Child:

i. Josiah G., born 1835. He married (1) Georgiana Malloy (1841-____) from whom he was separated. She was living with her youngest son at 90 Lancaster Street, Cohoes, Albany County, New York, in 1900. He married (2) Elizabeth Newhouse (1853-____); she survived him and married (2) to Martin V. Reeder at Rochester, Indiana. Josiah G. Scidmore had a shoeshop in Rochester, but also ran a hack serving the train station there. He was killed on 8 July 1891 when his horse bolted and drew his carriage onto the track before a train. His children were among the heirs of Cortland Vandekar of Troy in 1898.

351. SOLOMON JOHN DAVIS[8] SCIDMORE, was born 18 February 1808 at Waterford, Saratoga County, New York, the son of James (no. 185) and Nancy (Halstead) Scidmore. He died 11 November 1879 in Northeast Township, Dutchess County, New York, aged 71 years, 9 months, of paralysis. He is buried in the Spencer's Corners Burying Ground, at Millerton, New York. He married Betsy S. _____, who was born in 1821, and who was living in 1898. She has not been found in the 1900 census.

Solomon Scidmore is enumerated in 1840 and 1850 in Waterford, Saratoga County, and in 1860 at Northeast Township, Dutchess County, New York. His widow is there, the head of a family, in 1880. She was granted letters of administration on the estate of her husband in 1880, and the petition names his six children.

Children:

i. Louisa, born 1838. She married W. H. Palmatier, of Northeast Township, a farmer in 1870. Living 1898.
ii. Lucinda, born 1840. She married Nelson Killmer, a mason at Northeast Township in 1870. Living 1898.
iii. Mary Ann, born 1843. She married _____ Griffin. Living 1898.
iv. Hannah, born 1849. She married (1) Henry Call, a farmer at Northeast Township in 1870, and (2) _____ Parsons by 1898.
v. George H., born May 1854. He married Abbie L. Dean. They were living in 1900 at Chatham, Columbia County, New York.
vi. Samantha Ann, born 1859. She married _____ Taylor. She was dead in 1898 leaving five children (William G. Taylor, Fannie Taylor, Henry Taylor, Bessie Taylor, and Blanche Taylor, all heirs of Cortland Vandekar).

352. JAMES THOMPKINS[8] SCIDMORE, was born 19 January 1810 at Waterford, Saratoga County, New York, the son of James (no. 185) and Nancy (Halstead) Scidmore. He died 26 January 1883 at Waterbury, New Haven County, Connecticut. He married Mary Ann, the daughter of James P. and Mary (Perry) Taylor on 16 March 1843 at Lansingburg, Rensselaer County, New York. She was previously the widow of _____ Bockes. She was born 3 January 1812 at Cambridge, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, and died 21 May 1879 at Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, aged 67, of paralysis. She had four children by her first husband, all born at Troy, Rensselaer County, New York.

James Skidmore was a painter by trade. In 1839 he appears in the Troy, New York, city directory as a painter boarding at York House. He is there in 1840, but then disappears for several years coming back to Troy in 1845 (his brother Benjamin is also there in 1845). In 1850 he is enumerated at Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County, and again in 1870. He had moved to Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, by 1876, where he was a painter living at 214 Hamilton Street. In 1880 he was joined at that place by his brother Samuel Skidmore. J. T. Skidmore is last found in the Cleveland directories in 1881, a painter at 26 Blair Street.

He is probably the James T. Skidmore, painter, who appears in the Brooklyn city directories in the 1860s. He is there in 1862 at 47 S. 7th Street, and intermittently through 1867 when he is last found at 91 S. 6th Street, a painter.

His daughter Fannie Heath set down some recollections of her family. From this we find that James T. Scidmore died at Waterbury, Connecticut, of pneumonia.

Children:

i. Ann Elizabeth (Fannie), born 3 January 1844 at Lansingburg. She married (1) William G. Truelove on 4 July 1869, and (2) Henry Clay Heath. She was an heir of Courtland Vandekar in 1898.
ii. Theodore, born 20 May 1847 at Troy. Dead 1898.
iii. Charles Augustus, born 24 September 1850 at Newburgh, Orange County, New York. He died 8 September 1863 at Saratoga Springs.
iv. James Augustus, born 18 April 1853 at Saratoga Springs. He died 4 July 1856 at Pine Plains, New York.

353. ORESTES BENJAMIN[8] SCIDMORE, was born on 20 March 1815 at Northumberland, Saratoga County, New York, the son of James (no.185) and Nancy (Halstead) Scidmore. The name of his wife is unknown. He is last noticed in 1852 in the Albany city directory a Benjamin O. Skidmore, printer, living at 115 Lumber Street. (It is likely that printer is a misprint for painter here.) According to his niece Fannie Heath he "died of drink."

Benjamin Scidmore was enumerated in 1840 at Halfmoon Township, Saratoga County, New York. He was the head of a household consisting of two males 30-40, one male 20-30 and a female 15-20.

He is living in 1844 at Troy, a painter, at 448 River Street. In 1845 he was in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York, but was back at Troy, Rensselaer County, later in the same year with his brother James T. Skidmore. He has not been found in the 1850 census.

Child:

i. Oscar, born December 1856. He married Mary L. Winans and they were living in 1880 on North Main Street, Olney, Richland County, Illinois, where he was a cabinet finisher. He was an heir of his cousin Courtland Vandekar in 1898. In 1900 they were living at Fairfield, Jefferson County, Iowa.

354. DE WITT CLINTON[8] SCIDMORE, was born 20 September 1819 at Ballston, Saratoga County, New York, the son of James (no. 185) and Nancy (Halstead) Scidmore. He died 1 May 1893 at Lansingburgh, Rensselaer County, New York. He married (1) Hester Jane (Hetty) Robbins, who was born 12 October 1832 at Baltimore, Greene County, New York, and

who died 11 September 1875. He married (2) Clara Harriet _____, who was born in May 1853 and who was living in 1900 at 783 Third Avenue, Lansingburgh, Rensselaer County, New York.

He is first noticed in 1847 in the Troy, Rensselaer County, city directory; he was then a brassfounder living at 66 State Street. In 1852 D. C. Scidmore, machinist, was living at the corner of South and 11th Streets.

He was enumerated in 1850 in Troy and in 1860 at Lansingburgh. In 1876 D. C. Scidmore, boots and shoes, was at 42 Broad Street, Waterford, and in 1880 he was once again a machinist at 12 Nott Terrace in Schenectady, Schenectady County, New York.

A notice in the Lansingburgh Times on 6 May 1893 says that the funeral of De Witt Skidmore was held from his residence on the new turnpike on the previous Thursday afternoon. He was buried in the Waterford Cemetery, but no marker is found for him there.

Children: (First wife)

i. Nancy, born 18 March 1849 at Newburgh, Orange County, New York. She married Edward Salisbury (1847-1905) on 11 October 1868 at Tomhannock, Rensselaer County, New York. She died 27 November 1932 at Troy, New York.
ii. Alice, born 1851 at Troy. Living at home in 1870, dead 1898.
iii. Mary, born 1854 in Greene County, New York. Living at home in 1870, she married David D. Armstrong of Troy on 17 July 1875. She was dead in 1898.
iv. Levina, born 1857. Dead 1865.
v. Albert Burton, born 1860. In 1900 he was a patient at the Hudson River State Hospital, at Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York.
vi. Anna, born 1864. She married _____ Rice and was living in 1898.
vii. Hetty Belle, born 1873. Living unmarried in 1898.

(Second wife)

viii. Catherine, born January 1874. Dead 1898.
ix. Clinton R., born April 1877. Living with his mother in 1900.
x. Clara, born August 1880. Living with her mother in 1900.

355. SAMUEL N.[8] SCIDMORE, was born 6 April 1825 at Ancram, Columbia County, New York, the son of James (no. 185) and Nancy (Halstead) Scidmore. He died 28 April 1895, and is buried in the Fennville Cemetery, Allegany County, Michigan. He died of a cold, according to

his niece. He was twice married, (1) Elizabeth C. _____, who was living with him at Waterford, aged 38, in 1860. He married (2) Margaret Emily _____, who was born in 1844 and who died 18 March 1926. She is buried beside her husband in the Fennville Cemetery. She was living in 1910 at Benton Harbor, Michigan, aged 57.

Samuel Scidmore was enumerated in 1850 at Newburgh, Orange County, New York, where his occupation is given as a scale maker. He was living at Waterford, Saratoga County, in 1860 and 1870, and was in the Waterford draft in 1864. He had moved by 1880 to Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, where he was a paperhanger at 293 Garden Street.

Emma [sic] M. Skidmore died 18 March 1926 at 430 High Street, Benton Harbor, Berrien County, Michigan, aged 82 years, 1 month, 3 days. She was born in New York, and the informant on her death record was A. P. Cady.

Samuel N. Scidmore had no children by either of his wives. His residence or heirs, if any, were unknown when the estate of his nephew Courtland Vandekar was settled in 1898.

356. JOEL ELORY[8] SCIDMORE, was born on 25 December 1827 at Hudson, Columbia County, New York, the son of James (no. 185) and Nancy (Halstead) Scidmore. He was living in 1900 at 195 7th Avenue, Brooklyn, Long Island. He married Julia Ann Bockes on 25 May 1849 at Troy; she was born September 1830 and was also living in 1900.

Joel G. Scidmore was a tailor in 1850 at Stamford, Dutchess County, New York, a wrench maker in 1860 at Troy, Rensselaer County, and is listed as a carpenter in the 1869 city directory of Brooklyn where he was living at 401 Dean Street.

He lived at Brooklyn for the rest of his life. In 1900 he and his wife Julia are at 195 7th Avenue with two grandchildren Roy E. Skidmore, born September 1896, and Gladys E. Skidmore, born December 1897.

In 1898 he testified about the estate of his nephew Courtland Vandekar in Rensselaer County; the probate file in this case is most useful for finding the heirs of James and Nancy (Halstead) Scidmore. Joel is said to have died at Brooklyn. He returned frequently to Lansingburgh and used to visit the widow of his brother De Witt C. Scidmore there.

Children:

i. Edward J., born March 1850. He was a carpenter in 1872 at 91 Butler Street, Brooklyn. He married Frances L. Sweet and was living in 1900 on Oregon Street, Lapeer, Lapeer County, Michigan, and in 1910 at Flint, Genesee County, Michigan.

ii. Samuel, born 1853. He and his wife were living with Joel in

1880 at 392 Fifth Avenue (near 1st Street). Had issue.

iii. Hattie, born 1859. Living at home in 1880.

iv. Frederick H., born May 1870. Living with his father in 1900.

357. JAMES HUNT[8] SCIDMORE, was born 4 June 1812 at Pinckney, Lewis County, New York, the son of John (no. 186) and Abigail (Collamer) Scidmore, and died on 31 January 1892 in South Norwich Township, Oxford County, Ontario. He is buried there in the Springfield Cemetery. He married Elizabeth Congden, who was born 14 January 1815 and died 3 January 1899; she was buried beside her husband on 5 January 1899.

James Sidmore is listed in the New York state census of 1835 at Rutland, in Jefferson County, but his name is followed by the word "Canada" and there was no return given for his family. All of his children were born in Ontario, so he was doubtless recently married in this year. Descendants of the Sidmore family in Jefferson County, New York, state that he went west to Canada where he had nine children of whom two are said to have been adopted by his sister Betsy Jane Todd and her husband. Contact between the families was not lost completely; Reverend Frank L. Scidmore of Latham, New York, a grandson of John (no. 358) and Amelia (Oothout) Scidmore, had a newspaper clipping of the obituary of James Scidmore who died at Otterville, Ontario, in 1936.

James H. Scidmore is enumerated at South Norwich Township, Oxford County, Ontario, in the censuses of 1851, 1861, and 1871. In 1851 a Sarah Congden, born United States, aged 76, is living in his household and is doubtless his mother-in-law. He was a farmer and a Methodist living in a one story frame house with a shop.

His estate was probated on 12 March 1892 in Oxford County and the petition supplies a list of his eight surviving children and his widow.

Children:

i. Adeline T., born 1835. She married _____ Meinehan and was living in 1892.

ii. Warren C., born 13 January 1840. He married Hannah S. Sheldon (1849-1889) on 9 March 1871. He lived at Tillsonburg, Oxford County, Ontario, where he died 29 November 1904. Buried in Springford Cemetery.

iii. Richardson Porter, born 10 April 1842. He married Emma Ostrander (1845-1909). Moved by 1900 to Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, where he was living at 1637 Carroll Avenue. He lived later at Elwood, Madison County, Indiana, where he died 14 January 1921. Buried Elwood City Cemetery.

iv. Diantha, born 1844. She died in 1865; buried in Springford Cemetery.

v. James, born 1845. He married Mary Emily James on 19 January

1872 and lived one mile north of Otterville, Ontario. He was buried there on 27 August 1936.

vi. Truman W., born 1848. He married E. Buchner (1851-1918). He was a school teacher in 1871. His wife is buried in Springford Cemetery.

vii. John, born 1852. Died an infant in 1853; buried Springford Cemetery.

viii. Abigail, born 1855. She never married and was living in 1939 at Bellwood, Cook County, Illinois.

ix. Sarah, born 1857. Unmarried 1892.

x. Mary Etta, born 25 March 1860. She married Henry C. Buchner (____-1939). He was a confectioner at Tillsonburg, Ontario. She died 25 December 1938 at that place.

358. JOHN[8] SCIDMORE, was born 30 October 1813 at Pinckney, Lewis County, New York, the son of John (no. 186) and Abigail (Collamer) Scidmore. He died 11 July 1893 at Watertown, Jefferson County, New York. He married (1) Ellen, the daughter of Thomas and Lois (Wilson) Wilson on 30 March 1842; she was born on 30 March 1822 and died in 1850. He married (2) Amelia, the daughter of Evert and Grete (Barrows) Oothout on 3 December 1851 at Rutland, New York; she was born 8 January 1822 and died 6 March 1890. He and both his wifes are buried in the Brookside Cemetery, Watertown.

Thomas Wilson died 2 June 1852 in Jefferson County. The petition for administration on his estate mentions his granddaughters Mary M. Scidmore and Ellen Asenath Scidmore.

John Scidmore and his wife Amelia A. Scidmore were living at Champion, Jefferson County, in 1866.

Children: (First wife)

i. Mary Minerva, born 12 August 1844. She married Marcus Reed on 23 January 1866. They lived at Watertown where she died about 1921-2.

ii. Ellen Acenath, born 9 August 1846. She married Manford Bibbens (1846-1922) on 30 December 1867. He was a merchant at Port Leyden, Lewis County, New York. She died there 1 May 1937.

(Second wife)

iii. Wilson, born 1 September 1852. Died an infant 18 April 1853; buried Brookside Cemetery.

iv. Ida J., born 9 November 1855. Died an infant 1 March 1858; buried Brookside Cemetery.

v. Sarah Amelia, born 19 June 1857. She married Benjamin Bernard Woodruff (1850-1930) on 23 March 1875. She died 8

February 1928 at Watertown.

vi. George H., born 8 July 1858. Died 7 March 1868; buried Brookside Cemetery.

vii. Charles J., born 20 September 1865. He married Sarah _____. Living in 1900 at South Haven, Van Buren County, Michigan; in his household were Lucy Graff (aged 16) and William Graff (aged 14), perhaps stepchildren. Moved to Pasadena, Los Angeles County, California, and died 16 January 1933 at Garden Grove, Orange County, California.

viii. Franklin L., born 9 August 1868. He married Anna Naomi Baker (1872-1962). Living in 1900 at 69 Ravine Avenue, Yonkers, Westchester County, New York. He died 3 October 1936 at Ithaca, Thompkins County, New York.

359. ANTHONY[8] SCIDMORE (SIDMORE), was born 16 January 1816 at Pinckney, Lewis County, New York, the son of John (no. 186) and Abigail (Collamer) Scidmore. He died in 1902 at East Rodman, Jefferson County, New York. He married (1) Sarah, the daughter of Peter Wilcox in 1844; she was born in 1816 and died in October 1859. He married (2) Sarah, the daughter of Major William Gardner, in 1860; she was born in 1823 and died in 1898. He and both of his wives are buried in the Tylerville Cemetery.

He usually spelled his name Sidmore, as did many of the members of the Lewis and Jefferson Counties family.

He moved in 1871 to Whitesville, a tiny community with only 20 or so houses in Rodman Township, Jefferson County, New York. In 1890 he was farming 180 acres at East Rodman (the post office for Whitesville).

Children: (First wife)

i. Franklin, born 1845. He enlisted 30 July 1862 at Rodman in Company D, 1st Battalion of Black River Artillery to serve three years. Died of disease in the hospital at Camp Richmond, Staten Island, on 24 February 1863, and was buried in the Cypress Hills Cemetery on Long Island.

ii. Solomon, born 1847. He married (1) Addie Corey (1852-1874), and (2) Sarah R. Hammond (1853-1880), and (3) Etta _____ (1860-1924). Lived Whitesville, New York. A carpenter and mechanic in 1890 at Watertown. His father Anthony Scidmore was living with him in Rodman Township in 1900. Died November 1918.

iii. James Anson, born 30 January 1851. He married Alma Jeanette Wait (1851-1915) on 24 November 1869 at Pinckney. He lived at Scriba, Oswego County, New York; at Brownsville, Jefferson County, and died at Watertown on 21 October 1894. Buried North Watertown.

360. HIRAM[8] SCIDMORE (SIDMORE), was born 5 November 1817 at Pinckney, Lewis County, New York, the son of John (no. 186) and Abigail (Collamer) Scidmore. He died at Rutland, Jefferson County, New York, on 13 April 1893, aged 75 years, 3 months, and is buried in the Honeyville Cemetery, in Adams Township, Jefferson County. He married Melissa Todd; she was born 22 June 1829 in Jefferson County, and died 29 June 1912 at Pinckney, Lewis County, New York.

He usually spelled his name Sidmore. He was living at Rutland in 1850 and 1860, and in 1890 was farming at East Rodman.

Children:

i. Ashley T., born 25 October 1849. He married Nora L. Parham (1852-1906) on 25 December 1869. Lived in Adams Township, Jefferson County, where he was the proprietor of a steam sawmill and thresher. He died in 1913 and is buried in the Honeyville Cemetery.

ii. Elsie E., born 23 March 1852. She married Joseph Tremble and was living in 1912 at East Rodman.

iii. Warren J., born 7 August 1854. Died a child on 7 September 1865.

iv. Eva J., born 23 November 1855. She married Chauncey Woodard and was living in Copenhagen, Lewis County, New York in 1912. She was living in 1937 near Watertown.

361. JOHN S.[8] SCIDMORE, was born in September 1815 at Pinckney, Lewis County, New York, the son of Abner Brush (no. 187) and Mary (Corey) Scidmore. He was living as late as 1900 at Fayetteville, Onondaga County, New York. He married (1) Mary U., the daughter of Cyrus and Susanna (_____) Warner, who was born in 1821 in Onondaga County. She was the mother of his children. He married (2) Charlotte Paine, who was born in 1824 in Kent, England, coming to the United States at the age of 11. She died 20 December 1908 at the home of her daughter by a previous marriage, Mrs. J. F. Deland, at 209 Columbus Avenue, Syracuse, Onondaga County, New York. She is buried there in the Oakwood Cemetery.

John S. Scidmore did not accompany his family westward to Wisconsin, but stayed at Clay in Onondaga County where he farmed. He is enumerated there in every census from 1850 to 1880. In the 1855 state census of Clay, a Rhoda Hart, aged 58, a widow born in Saratoga County, is enumerated with him and called his aunt. It is not presently known if Rhoda was a Scidmore or a Corey; she may also have been related to his wife's family.

Children:

i. Norris M., born August 1844. He married Alice _____

(1870-____), a native of Nebraska, about 1888. They were living in Precinct G, Seward County, Nebraska, in 1900.

ii. Cyrus L., born 1846. He married Henrietta _____ (1842-1927). He died at Clay, Onondaga County, New York.

iii. Susanna P., born 1848, Oswego County. Living at home, unmarried, in 1880.

iv. Elmira (Polly), born 1851. Living at home, unmarried, in 1880.

362. WILLIAM SHERMAN[8] SCIDMORE, was born in November 1818 at Pinckney, Lewis County, New York, the son of Abner Brush (no.187) and Mary (Corey) Scidmore. He was living in 1900 at Pittsford, Butler County, Iowa. He married Amanda _____, who was born in April 1822 in New York, who was also living in 1900.

Sherman Scidmore was living in 1850 in Plymouth Township, Rock County, Wisconsin, and as William Scidmore was a head of a family there in 1860. In 1870 he was living in Newark Township in the same county. He moved sometime after this date to West Point Township, Butler County, Iowa, where his son had settled some years earlier.

Children:

i. Alford (Alfred), born April 1849. He married (1) Martha _____, and (2) Orrel V. _____ (____-1916). He had moved by 1880 to Butler County, Iowa.

ii. Benjamin, born July 1850. He was living unmarried with his parents in 1900.

iii. Mahala J., born April 1853. She married _____ Graham, and was living a widow with her parents in 1900.

iv. Joshua, born September 1855. He married Estelle E. _____, and was living at Pittsford, Butler County, Iowa, in 1900.

v. Charles, born 1857. Died an infant in 1858.

vi. Phebe, born 1858.

vii. Ellen, born 1860.

viii. Mary, born 1864.

363. ABNER[8] SCIDMORE, was born in 1823 at Pinckney, Lewis County, New York, the son of Abner Brush (no. 187) and Mary (Corey) Scidmore, and was living in 1880 near Jamestown, Stutsman County, North Dakota. He married Roxy M. Wright who was born in February 1828 in New York and was living in 1900 in Harmony Township, Stutsman County, North Dakota, with Fred Bowman, a grandson.

On 25 May 1849 Abner and Roxy Sidmore of Pinckney, Lewis County, New York, gave a deed to William W. Emigh of Malta, Saratoga County, New

York, for $14.35, a quitclaim to 38 36/100 acres of land at Malta now owned by Emigh "it being the dower of Mary Millard, deceased" in the tract.

In 1850 Abner Scidmore was the head of a family at West Turin, Lewis County, New York, and in 1860 he was enumerated back at Pinckney. He is not found in 1870, and by 1880 he had removed to North Dakota, where he died.

On 17 June 1861 Lyman Mitchell of Denmark, Lewis County, New York, deeded to Roxy, the wife of Abner Scidmore of Pinckney, for $1.00 a tract of 25 acres being the northwest corner of lot no. 21 in the town of Pinckney on the public highway. Reserved are the school house lot deeded previously by Ebenezer Newtown and four acres previously deeded by Wealthy Jeffers to Benjamin Jeffers on 20 November 1850. All of the land conveyed was subject to a mortgage by Benjamin Jeffers to Lucian Clark.

In 1880 Abner and Roxy are enumerated in Stutsman County, North Dakota. Also in their household are Lucius F. Wright, aged 73, and Mary A., his wife, aged 67, who were Abner Scidmore's brother-in-law and sister-in-law. Louisa Jane (Scidmore) Bowman had a son named Lucius Wright Bowman for her uncle.

In 1900 Roxy Scidmore is a widow in Harmony Township, living with a grandson. Also there in that year were Martin Scidmore and his wife, who had joined Abner Scidmore in 1882 in North Dakota.

Children:

i. Louisa Jane, born 1848. She married William Bowman (1841-____). They had moved to Wisconsin by 1866 and were living in 1880 with their five children in Stutsman County, Dakota Territory.

ii. Eva, born 1852. She married William J. Goodrich. They were living in 1880 next to Abner Scidmore in Stutsman County, North Dakota.

364. JOSIAH[8] SCIDMORE, was born in 1826 at Pinckney, Lewis County, New York, the son of Abner Brush (no. 187) and Mary (Corey) Scidmore. He is presumed to have died about 1861. He married Julia Ann (1829-____), a daughter of John and Magdalena (Kemmerer) Arnold and a native of Pennsylvania. She married (2) about 1863 David A. Partridge and is buried in the Plymouth Township Cemetery.

Josiah Scidmore is not found in the 1850 census of Rock County, Wisconsin, although he gave a deed there on 25 February 1850, an inhabitant of Plymouth Township, selling for $230.00 the Southwest quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 23 in Township 2 Range 11 East, con-

taining 40 acres.

Josiah Scidmore left Beloit, Wisconsin, about 1 April 1851 with a party of young men bound for California. He wrote regularly after his arrival sending money home. Josiah Skidmore was living as late as 4 June 1860 near Sonora in Tuolumme County, California, a miner, but wrote soon after that he was leaving for home. He never arrived back in Wisconsin and his fate is unknown. His correspondence from the goldfields survived until the death of the wife of Clarence Horkey (1887-1939) in 1972 but all of his letters have been lost since that year and no copy seems to have been made of them.

His widow, Julia Ann, kept house for her brother Freeman Arnold for many years after the death of her second husband.

The Arnolds came to Rock County by way of Chicago from Pennsylvania in 1843, settling in Plymouth Township.

Child:

i. Clarissa (Clara) Jane, born 28 March 1851. She married Michael E. Horkey (1852-1926) on 1 March 1876. They lived in Rock County, Wisconsin. She died in 1933 and they are buried in the Plymouth Township Cemetery with their eight children.

365. TIMOTHY J.[8] SCIDMORE, was born in November 1822 at Malta, Saratoga County, New York, the son of James (no. 188) and Lydia (Shipman) Scidmore. His pension was last paid on 4 March 1902 in Douglas Township, Montcalm County, Michigan, and he was dropped from the rolls soon after because of his death. He married Mary Ann, the daughter of Charles Greenman. She was born in New York, and died before her husband.

Timothy J. Scidmore was a guide for the "big city" sportsmen at his father's hotel at Lake Pleasant in his youth. In 1852 he was elected Town Clerk of Lake Pleasant. He had moved by 1859 to Mina, Chautauqua County, New York, where he enlisted on 26 July 1862 in Company D, 112th New York Infantry. He was mustered out on 13 June 1865 at Raleigh, North Carolina.

He settled soon after the war in Michigan, and was living there in 1871 aged 50 according to a deposition made by his mother. He applied for an invalid pension on 15 October 1879 at Westville, Montcalm County, Michigan. He also appears to have lived briefly in Erie County, Pennsylvania, and at Claremont, Surry County, Virginia.

He was living in 1900 at Westville with his daughter, Mrs. Auten, who was his only surviving child

Children:

i. Charles, born 1847. He was dead in 1860.
ii. Helen A., born 1850. Living in 1860, dead 1898.
iii. Inez E., born 16 March 1857. She married _____ Auten, and was living, his widow, in 1900 in Montcalm County, Michigan.

366. JOHN[8] SCIDMORE, was born 10 August 1813 at Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County, New York, the son of Abner (no. 191) and Hannah (McKinstry) Scidmore. He died at the same place on 18 April 1884. He married Charlotte, the daughter of James and Loretta (Bull) Bryant. She was born in 1819 and died 9 May 1908 aged 89 years, 3 months, and is buried beside her husband in the Scidmore Cemetery.

According to the 1871 directory of Saratoga County he farmed 310 acres at Saratoga Springs. He died there on 18 April 1884 survived by his wife and two daughters.

Children:

i. James R., born 26 October 1844. Died an infant on 10 January 1847; buried Scidmore Cemetery.
ii. Harriet, born 1847. She married George Warner, and was living in 1884 on Harrison Street in Saratoga Springs.
iii. Elizabeth, born 28 November 1851. Died an infant on 1 January 1854; buried Scidmore Cemetery.
iv. Laura, born 1855. She married Augustus Herrick. They were living at Schenectady, Schenectady County, in 1899.

367. HARVEY[8] SCIDMORE, was born 30 December 1821 at Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County, New York, the son of Abner (no. 191) and Hannah (McKinstry) Scidmore. He died there 16 March 1903, aged 81 years, 2 months, 17 days. He married Hannah Cordelia, the daughter of Oliver Glean; she was born 30 June 1828 and died 23 March 1917. They are buried in the Scidmore Cemetery.

According to the 1893 history of Saratoga County he was one of the leading farmers at that place. He received his education in the common schools of his native town, and then embarked on farming which he followed successfully ever since. He lived on a farm purchased by his grandfather, John McKinstry, in 1787. Besides this home farm of 200 acres he owned 54 acres in another tract, in addition to two woodland tracts of 60 and 120 acres. He had also been fortunate in his business ventures and in his investments in village property, owning several valuable lots and buildings in Saratoga Springs. He was a Republican, and while not the member of any church attended the Methodist church regularly.

Harvey Scidmore and Hannah Cordelia Glean were married 18 January 1849, and were survived by four children.

Children:

i. George S., born 10 February 1850. He married (1) Sarah T. Cleveland (1852-1913), and (2) Jennie McIntyre. He died 9 April 1928 at Saratoga Springs; buried Scidmore Cemetery.
ii. Eli H., born 7 November 1854. He died 17 September 1856, an infant; buried Scidmore Cemetery.
iii. Nellie C., born 1855. She married Franklin D. Herrick and died 1 May 1932.
iv. Emma E., born 1863. She married Charles E. Arnold on 7 July 1891.
v. Jessie M., born September 1970. She married Elmer E. Bennett on 22 November 1891. Living in 1900 at Saratoga Springs.

368. SYLVANUS[8] SKIDMORE, was born 4 January 1811 in New York, the son of John (no. 192) and _____ (Hand) Skidmore. He died on 9 March 1887 in Metamora Township, Lapeer County, Michigan, and is buried in the Lakeville Cemetery in Addison Township, Oakland County, Michigan, age 78 years, 2 months, 5 days. He married (1) Felinda Streeter on 28 August 1842 in Oakland County, Michigan; she was born in 1814 and is called "of Orion Township" at the time of her marriage. He married (2) at Metamora on 20 June 1876 Amy _____, the widow of John Moore. She was born in 1820.

Sylvanus Skidmore acquired 40 acres in Section 20 of Addison Township, Oakland County, Michigan, by a Federal land grant of 17 June 1836 where he is called "of Macomb County." He was living in 1850 in Addison Township on this tract.

He enlisted on 12 August 1862 at Lapeer, Michigan, in Company F, 22nd Michigan Infantry for three years, aged 44. He was discharged for disability at Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky, on 1 January 1863. He lived after the war at Metamora, Lapeer County, but his post office was at Oxford, Oakland County, Michigan.

Sylvanus Skidmore left a will dated 22 August 1885 leaving his entire estate to his wife Amy. His heirs, according to the probate file, were the widow, his brother John Skidmore of Oxford, Michigan; Chancey Skidmore, a brother, of Holly, Michigan; Mary Sowles, a sister, of Romeo, Michigan; and George Skidmore, a brother, of Arkansas (Kansas being correct).

Child:

i. Sarah Ann, born 1855. She married Frederick Skiff on 4 July 1877 at Imlay City, Lapeer County, Michigan. An only child, she died before her father without issue.

369. TRUMAN[8] SKIDMORE, was born 25 August 1815 in New York, the son of John (no. 192) and Sally (Bishop) Skidmore. He had died before 1880 in either Elmwood or Rosefield Township, Peoria County, Illinois. He married Sophia H., the daughter of William Bagg, on 1 July 1848 in Peoria County, Illinois; she was born 16 July 1821 at Rose, Wayne County, New York, and was living in 1900 with her daughter Martha M. Burns in Rosefield Township, Peoria County, Illinois.

He acquired 80 acres in Addison Township, Oakland County, Michigan, on 24 September 1836 where he is identified as being from Macomb County.

He was the administrator of his father in 1840 in Macomb County, Michigan. He had moved by 1850 to Stark County, Illinois, and by 1865 to Elmwood Township in Peoria County. He is there in 1870, but in 1880 his widow is living in Rosefield Township in the same county. In her household in 1880 are her sons John and Quixott, and her daughter Martha, as well as Alvaretta Hamilton, aged 5, and Eugene Hamilton, aged 9, two grandchildren (their Skidmore parent cannot be identified).

Children:

i. Mary A., born 30 October 1849. She married Lenius M. Douglass (1843-1918) on 13 April 1876. They moved to Hastings, Adams County, Nebraska, where she died 22 May 1930.

ii. John T., born 8 June 1851. He married Elizabeth James, a widow, on 21 June 1898 in Fulton County, Illinois. He died, a widower, on 26 August 1916 at Oak Hill, Rosefield Township, Peoria County.

iii. Martha M., born 19 January 1856. She married (1) William Burns (who was living in 1900), and (2) Henry Behrends.

iv. Quixott, born 22 April 1862. He married Dora C. _____. He lived at Canton, Fulton County, Illinois. He was at Fort Smith, Sebastian County, Arkansas, in 1916, but returned to Illinois where he was living in 1930.

370. SOLOMON CHAUNCERY[8] SKIDMORE, was born 19 May 1817 in Rose Township, Wayne County, New York, the son of John (no. 192) and Sally (Bishop) Skidmore. He was living in 1900 with his son Charles G. Skidmore in Rose Township, Oakland County, Michigan. He is said to have died later in the same year. He married (1) Emily, the daughter of Otis and Theodosia (Wales) Lamb on 2 July 1845 at Washington Township, Macomb County, Michigan; she was born 18 December 1820 and died 22 December 1858. He married (2) Nancy Lavinia, the daughter of Daniel and Mary Ann

(Cole) Huntington, on 25 July 1859; she was previously the widow of John P. Eisenlord (Isenlord). She was born in Ohio in 1830 and died in 1897. He and his wives are buried in the Rose Cemetery.

He acquired 80 acres in Section 17 of Addison Township, Oakland County, Michigan, by a Federal land grant on 24 September 1836 (his brother Truman had similar grant on the same day) but does not appear to have ever settled on or improved the tract.

He moved in 1848 from Macomb County to a farm in Section 29 of Rose Township. He was Town Clerk there for four years. A portrait of Solomon C. Scidmore, together with portraits of both of his wives and a view of his farm, will be found in Samuel W. Duranty's History of Oakland County (1877), page 262.

He also adopted his stepson Homer Adelbert Eisenlord. He died 10 August 1879 aged 23 years, 5 months, 1 day, and is buried in Rose Cemetery. He was the only child of John P. Eisenlord, and as Homer A. Skidmore was a student at the University of Michigan at the time of his death.

Children: (First wife)

i. Elvira B., born 1847. She married Israel Spencer on 1 October 1872 in Oakland County.
ii. Ensign B., born 25 August 1851. Died 2 October 1853, an infant, buried Rose Cemetery.
iii. Dennis, born 29 January 1854. Died 29 July 1874, buried Rose Cemetery.
iv. Corwin, born February 1855. He married Mary Gordon (1856-1884) on 9 April 1879. He was living in 1900 in Tyrone Township, Livingston County, Michigan.
v. Chauncey, born 2 February 1858. Died 5 September 1859, an infant, buried Rose Cemetery.

(Second wife)

vi. Otis D. H., born September 1863. He married Margaret H. _____ and was living at 546 Commonwealth Avenue, Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, in 1900, and was at Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, in 1910.
vii. Major F., born February 1864. He married Rose _____ and was living at 324 Boston Street, Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio, in 1900.
viii. Elmer, born January 1867. He married Mary _____ and was living at 519 Wisconsin Street, Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio, in 1910.
ix. Charles G., born May 1870. He married Maud Margaret Karsseboon on 1 February 1893. They were living in Rose Township, Oakland County, in 1900, and at Lansing, Ingham County, in 1910.

371. JOHN[8] SKIDMORE, was born 6 August 1824 in Rose Township, Wayne County, New York, the son of John (no. 192) and Sally (Bishop) Scidmore. He died at Oxford, Oakland County, Michigan, on 25 July 2906. He married Mary A. _____, the widow of Griffin Green, on 1 January 1850. She was born in August 1831 in New York, and died 28 October 1909 at Oxford.

He moved from Macomb to Oakland County in 1850, and is enumerated in the census of that year in Addison Township, Oakland County.

Children:

i. Austin, born 3 August 1851. He married (1) Alma E. Tanner (1853-1884) on 30 December 1873, and (2) on 3 November 1885 at Clyde, Wayne County, New York, Rose Ella Bishop (1862-1915). They were living at Oxford in 1910; he died there in 1922.
ii. Albert, born 10 September 1853. He died 3 November 1868 at Oxford, Oakland County, Michigan.

372. GEORGE W.[8] SKIDMORE, was born 26 September 1826 in Rose Township, Wayne County, New York, the son of John (no. 192) and Sally (Bishop) Skidmore. He was living in 1900 at Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois. He married (1) Nancy _____, who was born in Canada in 1827, and (2) on 6 April 1856 at Peoria to Ellen Williamson, who was a native of Ireland, born 1836. He married (3) Irene _____ on 6 September 1894 in Republic County, Kansas; they were divorced there by decree on 18 October 1895.

George W. Skidmore was enumerated in 1850 at Oxford, Oakland County, Michigan, but had moved by 1857 to Minnesota, and by 1858 to Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois. The city directory of Peoria in this year lists him as a carpenter on Second Street, the fourth door west of Monson. He was still in Peoria in 1870, but had removed by 1880 to Fairview Township, Republic County, Kansas, where he (or his son?) owned the east half of the NE quarter of Section 29 in Township 2 South, Range 2 West of the 6th principal median. This was sold in 1899 to B. D. Woods by a warranty deed.

In 1900 he was back in Peoria, living at 416 Liberty Street with Charles F. Merrill, a son-in-law.

Children: (First wife, all born in Michigan)

i. Sarah A., born 1849. Died young.
ii. Josephine, born 1852. A domestic in Peoria in 1870, she later married (1) John R. Griffith, and (2) Charles F.

Merrill, a compositor. They were living in Peoria at 1900.

iii. Nancy J., born 1854. At school in 1870.

(Second wife)

iv. Margaret A., born 1857 in Minnesota. At school in 1870.

v. Sarah, born 1860. Probably died young.

vi. Ellen, born 1866. Living at home (in Kansas) in 1880.

vii. George F., born 14 March 1870. He married Emma Alfaretta Ruttan about 1892. They were living in 1900 at Fairview, Republic County, Kansas; he was a widower in 1910 in Sheridan County, Kansas.

373. ABNER[8] SKIDMORE, was born in 1810 in Saratoga Township, Saratoga County, New York, the son of Mathew (no. 193) and Harriet (Clute) Skidmore. He was living in 1880 at Janesville, Waseca County, Minnesota. He married Plurella Jane _____, who was born in 1812 in Connecticut.

He served as administrator of his brother Garrett at Cohocton, Steuben County, New York, in 1831, and was there in 1833. In 1840 he was living at Springwater, Livingston County, New York, with his wife and himself aged 20-30, and three sons. He disappears by the 1850 census, and is not found in either New York or Wisconsin (both states have been indexed). Possibly he was in Canada at this time, or in transit on his way west. He is also not found in the indexes to the 1860 or 1870 census of Wisconsin.

After a disappearance of 40 years Abner Scidmore and his wife are found living in 1880 with their son Asbury (Esberry) and his wife and family at Janesville, Waseca County, Minnesota. No probate or tombstones have been found for them there.

Children:

i. William, born 1833. He married Susan _____. They were living in 1880 at Bridgewater, Rice County, Minnesota, and in 1900 at Fosston, Polk County, Minnesota.

ii. David F., born 1837. He married Olive Carpenter (1838-1924) on 28 August 1858 at Omro, Winnebago County, Wisconsin. He enlisted at Fitchburg, Dane County, Wisconsin, on 14 August 1862 in Company D, 23rd Wisconsin Infantry. Prisoner 3 November 1863. Mustered out at Mobile, Alabama, on 4 July 1865. In 1870 he was farming in Cottonwood County, Minnesota, living alone, but went back to Wisconsin and died on 29 January 1880 at Stevens Point in Portage County. He had been pensioned in 1877 and his application states that he had lived after the war in both Minnesota and Wisconsin.

iii. Mathew J., born 1839. He married Amelia Pooler (1838-1915)

on 18 December 1859 at Plover, Portage County, Wisconsin. He was living in 1862 at Leon, Goodhue County, Minnesota, in 1862. He enlisted at Stevens Point, Portage County, Wisconsin, on 22 August 1864 in Company D, Fifth Wisconsin Infantry. Corporal. Mustered out 20 June 1865. Pensioned 1887 at Stevens Point, where he had lived since the war. He died there 12 January 1890. His widow was living in 1900 at Columbia, King County, Washington, and in 1907 at 634 Sixth Street, Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan.

iv. Asbury H., born 1853. He married Mary E. _____, and was living in 1880 at Janesville, Waseca County, Minnesota.

374. WILLIAM[8] SCIDMORE, was born in 1813 in New York, the son of Mathew (no. 193) and Harriet (Clute) Scidmore. He was dead before 10 December 1883 at Hemlock Lake, Livonia, Livingston County, New York. He married Caroline, the daughter of Jacob Hyatt; she was born 18 May 1822 and died 27 February 1906 at Livonia, New York. She is buried in the Union Cemetery, aged 83 years, 9 months, 9 days.

William Scidmore purchased land on the Cohocton River in Steuben County in 1858, which he sold in 1866 and moved to Hemlock in Livingston County, New York.

He was enumerated in 1840 and 1850 at Naples, Ontario County, New York, and in 1860 he was at Cohocton, Steuben County. In the 1868 directory of Livingston County, New York, he is shown as a farmer on 100 acres at Hemlock Lake. He is the head of a household there in 1870 and 1880.

No probate or tombstone has been found for him.

Children:

i. A son, born 1838. Living 1850, but died young.

ii. Harriet, born 1840. She married William Welch and lived at Cohocton, Steuben County, New York.

iii. Ann, born 1845. Living at home in 1860.

iv. Elijah H., born April 1850. He married (1) Wealthy M. Smith (1855-1883), and (2) Mary _____ who survived him. He died 3 November 1922 at Livonia, Livingston County, New York, buried Harder Cemetery.

v. Prudence, born January 1852. She married Fayette Culver, and they were living in 1880 in South Bristol Township, Ontario County, New York. She was living, his widow, with her mother in 1900.

vi. Mathew W., born June 1855. He married (1) Ella R. _____, and (2) Lorena A. Short who survived him. He died 5 September 1919 at Livonia, New York.

vii. Ida M., born 1862. She married George E. Daniels.

375. GEORGE BOLLES[8] SCIDMORE, was born on 11 January 1819 in Herkimer County, New York, the son of Solomon (no. 194) and Ruhamah (Bolles) Scidmore. He died 18 March 1898 at San Diego, San Diego County, California. He married four times: (1) Sarah Ann _____ (by 1846); she died 12 April 1849 aged 31, and (2) Nancy Weir, who died in 1851 aged 25. His first two wives are buried in the Plato Cemetery at Plato, LaGrange County, Indiana. His next wife (3) Elizabeth Catherine, was the daughter of Cameron and Mary (Downs) Sweeney; she was born 22 November 1823 at Canton, Stark County, Ohio, and had married Joseph Brooks (by whom she had two children) at Canton on 24 March 1842. She married George Bolles Scidmore as her second husband on 6 December 1851 at Madison, Wisconsin, where she was living in 1850 with her son Edward P. Brooks. They were divorced (probably by 1862) and Scidmore married (4) Dr. Melissa A. _____ (who was previously the widow of E. G. Ferris) on 23 July 1868 in Ogle County, Illinois. They were living in 1870 at Polo, Ogle County, but they appear to have separated soon after for George B. Scidmore is also enumerated in 1870, living alone, in Pueblo County, Colorado. She was living in 1880 at Polo with her son Hiram A. Ferris. She was a homepathic physician and was practicing in 1893 at Le Mars, Plymouth County, Iowa. She was living in 1900 at Amboy, Lee County, Illinois, with Calvin E. Blossom, her brother-in-law. Dr. Scidmore was born in New York in December 1829 and it is not presently known how long she survived after 1900.

George B. Scidmore bought land at Cohocton, Steuben County, New York, from George and Sarah Collar in 1843; in 1846 he and his wife Sarah Ann Scidmore sold it to Constant Cook. In 1847 they sold another tract of seven acres in the village of Avoca in Steuben County to Hiram Crooks. They moved soon after to LaGrange County, Indiana. In 1850 he and his second wife Nancy, and her brother Norman Weir, are all living at Bloomfield Township in that county.

He was living at Denver, Denver County, Colorado, when he enlisted on 3 December 1862 in Company F, Third Colorado Volunteers. He transferred to Company H, Second Colorado Cavalry. In August 1864 he transferred to the 12th Missouri Cavalry as recruiting officer. He was discharged at Eastport, Mississippi, as a First Lieutenant and Commissary of the 12th Missouri Cavalry. He appears to have gone home to Indiana for a time for he was treated by Dr. Francis Griffith at LaGrange, Indiana, in March 1865. He was at the Officer's Hospital at Nashville, Tennessee, in December 1864.

George B. Sydmore [sic] was enumerated in the 1860 census at Madison, Dane County, Wisconsin. His wife seems to have spent the war at Washington, D. C., where she operated a boarding house in 1864 "which is popular with her old friends from Wisconsin" according to a news item in the Madison papers. She spent the rest of her life at Washington and was personally acquainted with every president from Lincoln to Taft. She died 5 October 1916 aged 92 at Yokohoma, Japan, where her son was

Consul General.

The autograph album of her son George B. Scidmore, a birthday gift from his mother at Washington on 12 October 1864, is now in the Newberry Library in Chicago, Illinois. It contains the signatures of A. Lincoln, Clara Barton, Thaddeus Stevens, a letter from President Grant written on behalf of Catherine Scidmore, as well as two tickets to the impeachment trial of President Andrew Johnson. She had known President Grant from childhood and had seen him lead off his company to war in 1861. She was also related by marriage to General David Attwood, a congressman from Wisconsin. Also found in the young George's autograph book is a letter from Schuyler Colfax written to his older half-brother Colonel Edward P. Brooks (1843-1893) in 1867 in which Colfax (then Speaker of the House and later Vice President under Grant) thanks Brooks for an article he had written nominating Colfax for higher office.

George B. Scidmore applied for a pension on 28 May 1883 while living at Tempe, Maricopa County, Arizona. He stated that he had lived after the war in Illinois, California and Colorado, working as a carpenter and farmer.

Children: (Third wife)

i. George Hawthorne, born 12 October 1854 at Dubuque, Dubuque County, Iowa. Never married. He attended the National University at Washington, D. C. (LL.B, 1876) and was admitted to the bar in 1876. He entered the consular service in the same year, and held a variety of posts (largely in the Far East) until his death at Yokohoma, Japan, on 27 November 1922. (See the New York Times, 28 November 1922, page 21, column 5, and Emily C. Hawley, pp. 69-71)

ii. Eliza Ruhamah, born 14 October 1856 at Clinton, Clinton County, Iowa. Never married, she was the author of many articles for the National Geographic and several travel books. She is said to have been largely responsible for the Japanese gift of the cherry trees in Washington, D. C. Lived for many years in Japan with her brother and mother. She died 3 November 1928 at Geneva, Switzerland; her ashes were returned to Yokohoma. (See the Dictionary of American Biography, and Emily C. Hawley, pp. 71-2.)

376. AMOS FREEMAN[8] SCIDMORE, was born 15 October 1822 at Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County, New York, the son of George (no. 195) and Hannah (Potter) Scidmore. He died 9 April 1884 at Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan. He married on 1 January 1844 Sarah Maria Mitchell; she was born in February 1827 and was living with her son-in-law Almon Varney at 74 East Warren Street, Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, in 1900.

He is called a fruiter in the 1850 census, and a confectioner in the

1860 census of Saratoga Springs. In the 1871 directory of Saratoga County A. F. Sidmore was a partner in Sidmore and Van Deusen, confectionery & toys, at 142 Broadway in Saratoga Springs.

He died in Detroit, but his widow is said to have returned to Saratoga Springs with his body for burial.

Children:

i. Sarah Jane, born 1846. She married Horace Buell Van Deusen (1845-1887) on 10 February 1869. He served in Company K, 25th Regiment of New York State Militia. She died 16 September 1895 at Detroit, Michigan.

ii. Elizabeth C., born 1852. She married Almon Clother Varney (1849-1930) in 1872 at Saratoga Springs, New York. He was the head of a leading firm of architects, A. C. Varney & Winter, in Detroit, and supervised the construction of many of the finest hotels, factories, apartments, and stores in that city. His wife, Lizzie C. Varney, survived him according to an obituary in the Detroit News.

377. HIRAM[8] SKIDMORE, was born 5 November 1803 at Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County, New York, the son of David (no. 197) and Huldah (Green) Scidmore. He died 10 April 1847 at East Portage, Waterloo Township, Jackson County, Michigan. He married Paulina Creal; she was born 2 May at Wilton, Saratoga County, New York, and died 22 March 1847 at Waterloo, Michigan.

On 15 October 1832 Edmond E. Hickok of Corinth in Saratoga County, sold land in Corinth known as the "Davis lot" for $200.00 to Hiram Scidmore of Saratoga Springs. On 22 March 1836 Daniel Beers, and Angeline, his wife (formerly Scidmore) of Ballston, Saratoga County, sold to Hiram Scidmore of Saratoga Springs for $130.00, 31 acres of land in Saratoga Springs which had been set off to Angeline from a farm of 50 acres (after the sale of a portion of the said farm to Barker Collamer, Jr.) as an heir of her father David Scidmore. On the day following (23 March 1836) Hiram and Paulina Scidmore sell to James Cleveland of Saratoga Springs a lot of 50 acres in Saratoga Springs, being two of the shares which fell on partition to Hiram Scidmore and Angeline Beers, and also 16 acres which on partition fell to Joseph Scidmore, deceased, and to Sarah Scidmore.

He moved soon after to Michigan. All of his children were minors at his death at Henrietta, Jackson County, Michigan, and his wife had died before him. William Aldrich was appointed guardian of his children, and on 12 March 1849 he sold land in Section 24 of Henrietta Township of Jackson County for their benefit. Selina Scidmore is not mentioned in this deed and apparently had followed her parents soon after in death. The remaining three seem to have been returned to their kin in Saratoga

County; in 1850 David H. Scidmore is living at Ballston with his aunt Angeline Beers, and Olive Scidmore, aged 12, is living at Galway in Saratoga County apparently with some kin of her mother's family. Both returned, however, to Michigan to marry.

Children:

i. David H., born 1836. He married Frances E. Dibble on 29 December 1857 at Waterloo, Jackson County, Michigan. They went to Clarinda, Page County, Iowa, where he enlisted on 9 August 1862 in Company F, 23rd Iowa Volunteer Infantry. Wounded 1 May 1863 at Port Gibson, Mississippi. Discharged as a Third Sergeant from a hospital in Detroit on 2 May 1865. He died on 20 August 1865 at Clarinda, leaving all of his estate to his widow. She married (2) Daniel Clevenger on 3 April 1866 in Page County, Iowa.

ii. Mary Olive, born 1838. She married John D. Swart on 22 February 1857 at Waterloo, Jackson County, Michigan.

iii. Cynthia Elizabeth, born 26 October 1842. She married Isaac Thomas Swart on 1 January 1866. They lived at Tescott, Ottawa County, Kansas.

iv. Selina B., born ____. Dead by 12 March 1849.

378. JOSEPH I.[8] SCIDMORE, was born at Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County, New York, the son of David (no. 197) and Huldah (Green) Scidmore. He had died by 1850. He married Nancy E. Banning on 3 October 1837 in Washtenaw County, Michigan; she was born in 1829 in New York and was living with her 2nd husband Henry P. Ransom in 1870 at Sturgis, St. Joseph County, Michigan.

On 16 July 1834 Joseph Scidmore of Geneva, Ontario County, New York, sold to his brother Hiram of Saratoga Springs, for $125.00 the 16 acres in Saratoga Springs which Joseph had inherited from his father after a sale of a portion of the said farm had been made to Barker Collamer, Jr. This 16 acres had been set off to Joseph by the men chosen by Joseph Scidmore or his guardian "this being all the interest the said Joseph claims in the said farm."

In the 1845 directory of Rochester, New York, Joseph I. Sidmore is listed as a whipmaker living 9 North Street. The Rochester Daily Advertizer reports on 1 February 1845 that fire destroyed the variety store owned by Mr. Scidmore in the Starr block on Main Street on the previous evening. This is the last mention yet found to Joseph I. Scidmore. There was no probate on his estate.

His widow and her two daughters are enumerated at Parma, Monroe County, New York, in the 1850 census. In 1852 she is living at Sturgis, St. Joseph County, Michigan, when she was the heir of an unmarried sister, Lucinda Banning of Parma, who had died there on 12 October 1852. She

had married by 1860 to Henry M. Ransom of Sturgis.

Children:

i. Sarah, born 1838.
ii. Angeline, born 1842. She was living in 1860 at Sturgis, St. Joseph County, Michigan, with her mother and stepfather.

379. HENRY[8] SKIDMORE, was born 27 December 1805 in Saratoga Township, Saratoga County, New York, the son of Reuben (no. 198) and Susanna (Bell) Scidmore. He died on 23 June 1879 at Bedford, Calhoun County, Michigan, aged 73, of cancer. He married Phebe _____ who was born in 1814 in New York; his widow was living alone at Bedford in the 1880 census.

He had moved by 1850 to Bedford; in the census of that year Henry Halladay, aged 10, and Sarah Halladay, aged 17, two children of his sister Hannah, are living in his household. He had no children of his own, as appears from the census records.

380. ISAAC[8] SCIDMORE, was born 9 December 1809 in Saratoga Township, Saratoga County, New York, the son of Reuben (198) and Susanna (Bell) Scidmore. He died at Waterloo, Michigan, on 29 October 1853, aged 43 years, 10 months, 10 days "of fever." He was married but the name of his wife is unknown.

Isaac Scidmore is not found in the 1850 census. His will dated 7 October 1853 leaves to his wife [unnamed] his land in the north half of the southwest quarter of Section 10 in Township No. 2 containing 80 acres. The executors were James Watts, Benjamin Cook, and Elisha S. Robinson. Watts petitioned the court on 25 February 1854. He had no surviving children.

381. ABRAM[8] SCIDMORE, was born on 1 October 1814 in Saratoga Township, Saratoga County, New York, the son of Reuben (no. 198) and Susanna (Bell) Scidmore. He died 17 January 1879 at Waterloo, Jackson County, Michigan. He married (1) Caroline Williams on 20 April 1841; she was born in 1820 and died 25 April 1859 aged 39. He married (2) Hannah Swart, previously the widow of James Stewart on 11 October 1863; she married (3) _____ Weed. She was born in 1841 at Geneva, Ontario County, New York and died at the home of her son Dr. Arthur Scidmore in 1911 at Three Rivers. She is buried in the cemetery at the corner of Seymour and Welch Lake Roads. He and his first wife are buried in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

He removed to Jackson County, Michigan, in 1836, settling within several miles of Indians "who accustomed to gather round fire and make merry at

the expense of family convenience." He lived on the northern end of Baldwin Road several hundred yards south of the intersection with Seymour and Trist Roads. His home there is still standing (1984) and occupied. He allied himself with the Republican Party at the time of its organization "under the oaks" in Jackson County, and voted for Lincoln on both occasions of his candidacy.

All of his children were living in Jackson County at the time of his death in 1879 except for his son Frank L. Scidmore who was then living in Tescott, Kansas.

Children: (First wife)

i. Zophar, born 10 March 1842. He was married four times: (1) Hannah L. Baldwin (1846-1890) in 1869, and (2) Hattie H. Royston (1835-1905), previously the widow of George Peckham and Voltaire Thurston, in 1893 (her daughter married Frank L. Scidmore), and (3) Hattie _____ (1858-1914). He married (4) Mary Smith on 7 December 1922; she was born 15 November 1850 and died 23 August 1933. He was a lifelong resident of Waterloo, Michigan, and was buried there in 1933 in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

ii. Mary Jane, born 15 January 1845. She married John C. Welch on 14 February 1863. He was a farmer in Grass Lake Township, Jackson County, Michigan.

iii. Henrietta, born 2 April 1847. She was blind and died 13 November 1873 of typhoid fever, aged 26.

iv. Isaac, born 18 July 1848. He died 10 November 1873 of typhoid fever.

v. John R., born 29 November 1850. He married Lovinna I. Baldwin (1849-1924) on 25 January 1876, a sister of the wife of Zophar Scidmore. He died at Waterloo 7 December 1920; buried there in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

vi. Frank Leonard, born 8 January 1854. He married Anna M. Peckham on 18 October 1876 at Leoni, Jackson County, Michigan, and removed by 1879 to Ottawa County, Kansas, where he farmed. Living there in 1900

vii. Fred Fremont, born 2 April 1856. He married Mary Armstrong (1856-1937) on 3 January 1883 at Grass Lake, Jackson County, Michigan. A banker in 1899 at Tescott, Ottawa County, Kansas. He died 10 July 1944 at Alamosa, Alamosa County, Colorado, but is buried at Tescott.

viii. David, born 10 February 1858. Died 2 May 1858.

(Second wife)

ix. Dr. Arthur W., born 7 October 1867. He married Louisa J. Parsons on 5 November 1890. He graduated from the University of Michigan in 1890, and practiced medicine at Three Rivers, St. Joseph County, Michigan,. Member of the

Michigan State Legislature in 1905-6 and 1907-8. He was also a member of the city council, the school board, and Mayor of Three Rivers. Died about 1930.

x. Reuben George, born March 1869. He married Jennie _____ about 1910-1. He had moved by 1895 to Tacoma, Pierce County, Washington, where he was property man at the Ninth Street Theatre, and living in the Cleveland Hotel. In 1900 he was employed at the Opera House at Anaconda, Deer Lodge County, Montana. He returned to Tacoma by 1903 where he was living as late as 1937 at 3617 S. Cushman Avenue.

382. ZOPHAR[8] SCIDMORE, was born 3 February 1816 in Saratoga Township, Saratoga County, New York, the son of Reuben (no. 198) and Susanna (Bell) Scidmore. He died at Hastings Village, Barry County, Michigan, on 21 September 1870, aged 54 years, 7 months, 18 days. He married Mary Jane Robinson on 28 September 1840 at Steuben County, New York, and is said to have died age 67. She married (2) on 14 December 1871 at Hastings, Truman Williams.

He is enumerated in 1850 at Marshall, Calhoun County, Michigan, as Zophar Sydmore, a brickmason. Also in his household was a Catherine Robinson, aged 17, presumably a sister-in-law.

Zophar and his son Edwin B. Scidmore both enlisted in Company C, First Michigan Engineers and Mechanics, at Hastings, for three years and were mustered in on 29 October 1861. Zophar was discharged for disability at Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee, as a Sergeant on 17 April 1863. He was taken ill at the end of April 1862 while on the march from Shiloh to Corinth with chronic nephritis, and was later sent home as a recruiting sergeant. He returned to active duty, but became ill again and was discharged. He was later pensioned.

Children:

i. Edwin B., born 21 January 1844. He married Susie R. Smith (1847-1933), on 8 October at Hastings. He served with his father in the First Michigan Engineers in the battles at Shiloh, Tennessee, at Corinth, Mississippi, and at Chattanooga, Tennessee. Discharged at Nashville on 22 September 1865. Living on Court Street, Hastings, in 1900; he died 23 March 1911 at Buchanan, Berrien County, Michigan, a brickmason. Buried Oak Ridge Cemetery.

ii. James H., born 1847. He married (1) Kate Baugh on 21 October 1866, and (2) Elizabeth S. Hale on 10 March 1888. He enlisted as a bugler in Company C, 11th Michigan Cavalry on 15 September 1863, a student. He was sick at Camp Nelson, Kentucky, on 10 September 1864. Discharged 18 September 1864 at Chicago, Illinois. Living on Creek Street, Hastings, in 1880, a brickmason. He died 6 July 1899 at the

Soldier's Home in Barry County, Michigan.

iii. Frederick Zophar, born 15 June 1852. Died 30 January 1855 at Hastings, aged 2 years, 7 months, 15 days.

iv. Almira J., born 1853. Died 13 November 1855 at Hastings, aged 2 years.

v. Ida E., born 4 September 1856.

vi. Willis A., born 15 September 1858. He married Jennie M. Berry on 3 November 1877. Living on State Street, Hastings, in 1880. Living in 1900, on Kent Street, Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan, a mechanic, and in 1910 in Barry County, Michigan.

383. DAVID[8] SCIDMORE, was born 20 March 1823 in Saratoga Township, Saratoga County, New York, the son of Reuben (no. 198) and Susanna (Bell) Scidmore. He is said to have died in 1894 "of la grippe" at Betrand Township, Berrien County, Michigan. He married Mary C. _____, who was born in 1830 in New York.

He was a farmer in Bedford, Calhoun County, Michigan, in 1850. Also in his household was a Lucinda Stall, aged 50, who was (perhaps) his mother-in-law. He had moved by 1860 to Bertrand Township, Berrien County, Michigan, where he was a carpenter and a joiner. He is enumerated there in 1870 and 1880 with his wife Mary and their three daughters.

Children:

i. Josephine, born August 1850. Living at home in 1870.

ii. Juliette, born 1853. She married John G. Holmes, editor of the Buchanan Record.

iii. Generva, born 1857. Living at home in 1870.

384. ZARDIS[8] SKIDMORE, was born 25 January 1817 at Newtown, Fairfield County, Connecticut, and died 18 October 1883 at Galesburg, Kalamazoo County, Michigan, the son of Zardis (no. 208) and Polly (Smith) Skidmore. He married Sarah Ann, the daughter of Leonard Webster; she was born 14 May 1817 in Connecticut, and was living in 1899 with her daughter Augusta Sarah Durkee at Galesburg, Michigan.

Zardis Skidmore, Jr., lived on Lewiston Road in Alabama Township, Genesee County, New York, from 1847 to 1865. Sometime after this latter date he moved to Michigan. He was living at Galesburg in the 1880 census.

Children: (First two born at Royalton, Niagara County, New York)

i. Martha Eudora, born 31 January 1841. She married Daniel

Fisbie on 21 June 1868, a farmer. She died 1 March 1898 at Albion, Calhoun County, Michigan.

ii. Webster Isaac C., born 19 December 1844. He enlisted 15 December 1863 for three years in Company H, 8th New York Heavy Artillery. Killed at Cold Harbor, Virginia, on 3 June 1864.

iii. Mary Edwina, born 16 September 1847. She married Alanson Gilbert on 29 October 1868. They lived at Portage, Kalamazoo County, Michigan.

iv. Augusta Sarah, born 14 December 1850. She married (1) Eliphalet Huntington Parish; divorced 1880. She married (2) Rousseau Durkee. They were living in 1900 at Galesburg.

v. Minerva Litinsia, born 25 June 1854. She married Smith Turner. Living in 1898 at Flint, Genesee County, Michigan.

vi. Ivoret Alma, born 18 June 1857. She married (1) Tremont Skinner, and (2) Richard Mitchell. Living in 1899 at Kalamazoo, Michigan.

vii. Harriet Maud, born 18 May 1859. She married John Nealer, from whom she was divorced. Living at Kalamazoo in 1898.

385. ELNATHAN[8] SKIDMORE, was born 13 April 1818 at Butternuts, Otsego County, New York, the son of Isaac (no. 209) and Sarah (Lull) Skidmore. He married (1) Mary Angeline Green on 14 January 1841 at Dexter, Washtenaw County, Michigan; she was born 14 March 1820 in New Jersey, and died 11 June 1892. He married (2) Mrs. Marcia Lawrence a widow, on 26 July 1893; she died in 1898. Elnathan Skidmore died 25 November 1902 at Lyndon, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and is buried with his wives in the Mt. Hope Cemetery, Waterloo, Jackson County, Michigan.

He came to Michigan with his parents in 1838. For more than 40 years he was a successful farmer at Lyndon, Dexter, and Chelsea, Michigan. After the death of his second wife he lived with his nephew Allen Skidmore at Lyndon, Michigan, until his death in 1902. A portrait of Elnathan Skidmore will be found in the History of Washtenaw County, page 749. He had only two children, both of whom died in infancy.

Children: (First wife)

i. Marvadel, born ____. Died 30 December 1848. She is called Dell on her tombstone in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

ii. A child, died in infancy.

386. AMOS B.[8] SKIDMORE, was born 23 May 1822 at Butternuts, Otsego County, New York, the son of Isaac (no. 209) and Sarah (Lull) Skidmore. He died on 24 August 1858 at Waterloo, Jackson County, Michigan. He married Sarah Ann Johnson on 10 March 1846; she was born 9 May 1830 in New York. She married (2) Jerome Boyce on 4 December 1860 in Washtenaw County, Michigan. She was living in 1880 with her son Clinton Skidmore.

He settled on a farm of 150 acres in Waterloo Township, Jackson County, Michigan; after his death his son Clinton A. Skidmore purchased his sister's interest and lived there as late as 1903.

Children:

i. Josephine E., born 11 July 1848. She married John A. Collins on 29 October 1869. They lived at Leslie, Ingham County, Michigan. She died at Lansing, Ingham County, on 30 July 1905.

ii. Clinton A., born 18 February 1855. He married Emma A. Cain on 22 March 1876. They were living at Stockbridge, Ingham County, Michigan, in 1910.

387. WILLIAM BURTIS[8] SKIDMORE, was born 12 July 1824 at New Lisbon, Otsego County, New York, the son of Isaac (no. 209) and Sarah (Lull) Skidmore. He died on 12 April 1863 at Waterloo, Jackson County, Michigan. He married, in 1848, Phebe Ann, the daughter of Silas Carpenter. She was born on 22 February 1827 at Sodus, Wayne County, New York, and married (2) Curtis Hinman on 6 December 1863 in Eaton County, Michigan. She died at Grand Ledge in that county on 17 September 1898.

He is enumerated in the 1850 census of Waterloo Township, Jackson County, Michigan, as Burtis Skidmore. After his death his son Allen B. Skidmore was sent back to New York to live with Robert Carpenter, an uncle. He later returned to Michigan.

Children:

i. Diantha Ada, born 6 December 1849. Died 25 November 1854 in childhood.

ii. Lucia Cornelia, born 7 June 1852. She married Andrew M. Olsen on 8 August 1874. They lived at Rushford, Fillmore County, Minnesota, then went to Kenmare, Ward County, North Dakota, in 1900, and to Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, in 1905.

iii. Allen B., born 31 July 1857. He married Ella M. Boyce on 2 November 1881. Lived Lyndon, Michigan. He died in 1936.

iv. Elsie Bird, born 19 September 1861. She married Darius Tilotson Eddy on 17 June 1883. They lived at Eagle, Clinton County, Michigan. She died 23 February 1897 at Ann Arbor, Michigan.

388. ABEL FERRIS[8] SKIDMORE, was born in 1820 at Newtown, Fairfield County, Connecticut, the son of Nehemiah (no. 20) and Anna (Ferris) Skidmore. He died 19 June 1893 at LaGrange, Cook County, Illinois. He married Frances E. Werroll on 2 March 1843 at Henrietta, Monroe County,

New York; she was born 29 March 1823 in New York, and died 4 March 1903 at Litchfield, Hillsdale County, Michigan.

He came to Litchfield, Hillsdale County, Michigan, from New York with his family in 1845 and was living there as late as 1870 when he is called a retired druggist. He went to Chicago, Illinois, probably before 1880, where he died. The administration on his estate was given to his brother-in-law C. Joseph Dietrich on 18 February 1896 in Cook County, Illinois. His heirs were his widow Frances E. Skidmore, a son George C., since deceased, and a granddaughter Minnie M. Richardson (formerly Minnie M. Moore).

Both Abel F. Skidmore and his wife are called "of Pittsford" at the time of their marriage. They sold land there in 1849, recorded in the Monroe County, New York, deed books.

His widow was living in 1896 at 87 Fifth Avenue, LaGrange, Cook County, Illinois, but had returned by the 1900 census to Litchfield, Michigan, where she is living with her granddaughter Minnie Richardson. She had outlived all three of her children, and her heirs in 1903 were her two granddaughters (the other being Winnie L. Bates, a daughter of her son George, of Chicago).

Children:

i. George C., born 1844. He married (1) Minnie H. Green on 21 July 1869 at Litchfield, Michigan, and (2) Julia E. _____ (probably at Chicago). He was living in 1880 at 1838 Michigan Avenue, Chicago. He died there on 15 April 1895. His widow was living at 143 Oakwood Boulevard, Chicago, in 1884.

ii. Ellen, born 1846. She married Enos Moore, a merchant at Litchfield. She died before her father.

iii. Wallace H., born 28 July 1849. He died 8 November 1865 at Litchfield, aged 16 years, 3 months, 11 days.

389. BURTIS[8] SKIDMORE, was born at Newtown, Fairfield County, Connecticut, the son of Wheeler (no. 215) and _____ (Lake) Skidmore. He died at the same place on 23 December 1889 aged 82 years, 10 months at death. He married Hannah Bradley, who was born in 1812 and died in 1884. They are both buried in Land's End Cemeter.

He was a lifelong farmer at Newtown. They had no children.

390. STARR[8] SKIDMORE, was born in 1818 at Newtown, Fairfield County, Connecticut, the son of Wheeler (no. 215) and Lucy (Lake) Skidmore. He died at the same place on 12 February 1883 aged 65. He married on 29 November 1837 Harriet, the daughter of Gideon Baldwin Ferris. She was

born in 1815 and died 18 August 1885. They are buried in Land's End Cemetery.

He was a farmer at Newtown. They had no children.

391. ANDREW BOLIVAR[8] SKIDMORE, was born in 1829 at Carrollton, Greene County, Illinois, the son of John Wooster (no. 217) and Sarah Ann (Foss) Skidmore. He died in 1866 at Carlyle, Clinton County, Illinois. He married (1) Jane Burnside on 28 March 1848 in Clinton County; she was born 17 April 1823 and died 1 May 1854. He married (2) Mary, the daughter of Ignatius and Mary (Atkins) Sprigg, on 28 June 1855 in Clinton County; she was born 12 September 1833 and was living in 1880 at 720 South 8th Street, St. Louis. He and his first wife are buried in the Carlyle City Cemetery.

He was a hotel keeper at Carlyle. James Wightman petitioned for the administration on the estate of A. B. Skidmore on 5 November 1866 in Clinton County, Illinois.

His widow removed to St. Louis, St. Louis County, Missouri. In 1900 her children Thomas, Harvey L., and James B. Skidmore are all living with John B. Owen, their brother-in-law, in St. Louis.

Children: (First wife)

i. Sarah Ann, born 1849. She died 16 May 1857 aged 7; buried in the Carlyle City Cemetery.
ii. John Wooster, born 6 June 1851. He married Mary R. _____ (1854-1909). They were living in 1900 in Irishtown Township, Clinton County. He died 10 March 1936; they are buried in the Carlyle City Cemetery.

(Second wife)

iii. Mary, born July 1856. She died 6 October 1857 aged 15 months; buried in the Carlyle City Cemetery.
iv. Luther, born 1857. Living in 1880 with his mother at St. Louis.
v. Thomas, born August 1858. Living unmarried in St. Louis in 1900 with his brother-in-law.
vi. Jennette (Jenny), born April 1860. She married John B. Owen. They were living in 1900 at 9260 Morrison Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.
vii. Harvey L., born December 1862. Living unmarried in St. Louis in 1900. Pensioner. He was living in 1910 with John B. Owen, his brother-in-law, in St. Louis.
viii. Louise, born 1846. Living at home in 1880.
ix. James B., born April 1865. Living unmarried in St. Louis in 1900.

392. JOHN RUSSELL[8] SKIDMORE, was born 6 May 1806 at Newtown, Fairfield County, Connecticut, the son of Glover (no. 220) and Sarah (Blackman) Skidmore, and died at the same place on 26 April 1844 aged 38. He married Julia, the daughter of Theophilius Botsford on 25 January 1829 at Newtown; she was born 24 August 1808 and died in 1888. They are buried in the Land's End Cemetery, as are all four of their children.

He took the Freeman's Oath at Newtown in 1831, where he was a farmer.

Children:

i. William Botsford, born 1830. Died 13 January 1833 aged 3.
ii. William Russell, born 1834. Never married, he died in 1893.
iii. Robert Erwin, born April 1837. He married Grace Walker (1849-1905). He was a real estate broker at Bridgeport; died there in 1908. Buried Newtown.
iv. Mary Caroline, born 1841. Never married. She lived at Newtown, where she died in 1918.

393. HOMER[8] SKIDMORE, was born 23 March 1907 at Bethlehem, Litchfield County, Connecticut, the son of Zerah (no. 221) and Bernice (Hurd) Skidmore. He died at the same place on 19 November 1863. He married Annis W., the daughter of Isaac Raymond, on 9 February 1834 at Bethlehem. She was born 8 June 1814 and died 29 December 1902 at the home of her son-in-law Burnett H. Johnson at Bethlehem.

Homer Skidmore was a merchant at Bethlehem.

Children:

i. Delia Bernice, born 26 August 1838. Never married, she was living with her brother-in-law Johnson at Bethlehem in 1880. She died 3 January 1883 at New Haven, New Haven County, Connecticut; buried Bethlehem.
ii. Sarah L., born 5 June 1843. She married Burnett H. Johnson on 10 October 1867. She died at Bethlehem on 14 June 1908.
iii. Henry 21 June 1851. He married (in Massachusetts) Arline E. _____. He lived at Chelsea, Suffolk County, Massachusetts. In 1900 he was living at 23 Chester Street, Cambridge, Suffolk County, Massachusetts.

394. HONORABLE PHILO HURD[8] SKIDMORE, was born 1 October 1817 at Bethlehem, Litchfield County, Connecticut, the son of Zerah (no. 221) and Bernice (Hurd) Skidmore, and died at Bridgeport, Connecticut, on 20 March 1902. He is buried there in the Lakeview Cemetery. He married Abigail Nancy, the daughter of Joel and Abigail (Bristol) Ives on 1 May

1844 at Cheshire, New Haven County, Connecticut. She was born 21 July 1824 and died 16 July 1893.

He attended school at Bethlehem and at about the age of 15 he went to Norwalk, and thence to New Haven as a clerk in a general store. He returned to Bethlehem where he opened his own store and married. In 1853 the close of the Woodbury Bank, of which he was a Director, involved him in a serious loss, and he moved to Bridgeport where he accepted a position as Secretary and Treasurer of the Pacific Iron Works. In 1861 the company accepted a contract for building the machinery for the gunboat Kanawha for $45,500.00 which so alarmed some of the stockholders that it resulted in his becoming sole owner of the firm. During 1861 he went to Washington, D. C., to talk with the Secretary of the Navy.

With the establishment of sewing machine shops at Bridgeport the business prospered, and later the company devoted its attention to stationary engines and boilers becoming the leaders in that line of business in the world. He retained the management of the business until 1884, employing up to 160 men. In January of 1870 he visited Florida and the southern states (Tallahasee, New Orleans, Mobile, and Montgomery) and he decided to invest his capital in the construction of the St. John's Railroad from the St. John's River to St. Augustine, a distance of 15 miles. After five years he sold this at a handsome profit, and in 1880 he invested heavily in real estate in New Orleans and this also yielded a satisfactory return. He was a chief stockholder in the New Orleans Cold Storage Company and owned a large plantation above Carrollton, Louisiana. A lifelong Democrat, he served on the Bridgeport City Council and in the Connecticut State Legislature (representing Newtown in 1870).

He was a Warden of Christ Church Episcopal at Bridgeport, and after his return to Newtown a leading worker there for the Trinity Church. He was a member of the Quepeack Lodge No. 1, F. & A. M., at New Haven.

His son, Julius Skidmore, had an equally interesting life. In 1862 when the war was at its height he was burning with patriotism and caused his father much trouble by his repeated efforts to enlist. It was found necessary to guard him to and from school. His dinner was sent to him and he was locked in the schoolroom during noon recess. One day he conved to make an impression of the key with chewing gum and fashioned a wood key with his pocket knife from his maple ruler. With this he succeeded in opening both doors and went to New Haven where he enlisted as a drummer boy in Company C, 23rd Connecticut Volunteer Infantry. At the battle of Brashear City, Louisiana, on 23 June 1863 he was shot through the leg by a sharp shooter who had already killed the fifer and six other of his comrades. Julius Skidmore fell wounded and had the sense to lie still. The rebel eventually emerged from his hiding place and was instantly killed by young Skidmore.

On his return to Bridgeport he was met by the mayor and P. T. Barnum who lifted him to his shoulders and carried him among the cheering citizens. The city of Bridgeport presented him with a rosewood drum and a letter of thanks for his heroic service.

After the war he attended Cheshire Military Academy and after graduation worked for his father at the Pacific Iron Works, becoming a partner in the firm. In 1870 he became superintendent for his father in the construction of the Tocoi and St. Augustine Railroad. He returned to Bridgeport where he founded his own firm for the manufacturing of wooden hat blocks.

In 1900 Philo H. Skidmore was living alone, a widower, at Newtown with his servants.

Children:

i. Stella Amelia, born 20 December 1845. She married Edward Leonard Beard on 16 November 1870. They lived at Cambridge, Suffolk County, Massachusetts.
ii. Julius Wordsworth, born 15 March 1847. He married Marion Eliza Lewis (1849-1932) on 18 October 1876. He died 24 April 1912.
iii. Abigail Louise, born 12 March 1849. She married Henry Theophilius Nichols (1839-1887) on 13 May 1868. They lived at Newtown. She died 29 December 1899.
iv. Honorable Philo Hurd, Jr., born 9 August 1851. He married Irene L. Brown on 12 June 1873 in St. Johns County, Florida. He built the St. John's Railroad in Florida, and was a Senator in the Connecticut State Legislature. He died at Bridgeport on 8 November 1902; buried Lakeview Cemetery.
v. William A. (Willie), born 12 January 1856. Died 21 April 1858 in infancy; buried Lakeview Cemetery.
vi. Edward Ives, born 18 August 1860. Died in childhood on 13 July 1865; buried Lakeview Cemetery.
vii. Herbert Monroe, born 30 November 1863. He died unmarried on 23 November 1885; buried in the Village Cemetery at Newtown.

395. ABEL BURRITT[8] SKIDMORE, was born 3 May 1812 at Sandgate, Bennington County, Vermont, the son of Zerah (no. 233) and Polly Ann (_____) Skidmore. He was living as late as 1880 at Prospect Center in Portland Township, Chautauqua County, New York. He married Emily Hopson, who was born 7 March 1813 and was dead in 1880.

He moved from Sandgate, Vermont, to Salem, Washington County, New York, and had moved by 1850 to Portland Township, Chautauqua County, New York. He is enumerated there in the 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880 census.

No estate is recorded for him in Chautauqua County. A part of his

children are buried in the Union Cemetery, one mile east of Westfield, New York, on U. S. Route 20, opposite the New York State Trooper Office. No tombstones have been found for Abel B. Skidmore or his wife.

Children:

i. Sarah Minerva, born 13 August 1838. She married William A. Burdick on 7 May 1857.
ii. Caroline, born 25 July 1840. She married James W. Wood on 4 November 1861.
iii. Abel Kimberly, born 15 January 1842. He married Cordelia Harriet Bigelow (1848-1939) on 5 March 1867 at St. Charles, Winona County, Minnesota. They returned to Chautauqua County where he died 12 December 1926. Buried Union Cemetery.
iv. James A., born 8 June 1844. Died an infant on 1 August 1844.
v. Samuel Brown, born 27 November 1845. Died in childhood on 1 October 1849.
vi. Adeline A., born 1 March 1848. Died an infant, buried 12 October 1849.
vii. Adeline J., born 3 June 1850. She married Solomon J. Wheeler on 14 May 1874. Buried Union Cemetery.
viii. George H., born 20 March 1854. Living alone at Portland in 1900; said to be buried there.

396. JAMES[8] SKIDMORE, was born in January 1820 at Sandgate, Bennington County, Vermont, the son of Zerah (no. 233) and Polly Ann (_____) Skidmore. He was living as late as 1900 at Portland, Chautauqua County, New York, with his sister Helen M. Ellis. He married (1) Caroline A. Gould on 1 December 1854 in the town of New Buffalo, Berrien County, Michigan. He was then aged 34 and of the city of Lafayette, Tippecanoe County, Indiana; his bride was aged 33 and of New Buffalo. He married (2) Mrs. Sarah Latham, a widow; she was born in 1821 and died at Napoli, Cattaraugus County, New York, on 15 August 1888.

In 1858 James Skidmore was living at Lafayette, Indiana, an express messenger for the N. A. & S. Railroad, living on the west side of East Street between Brown and North. He is not found there in the 1860 census.

In 1870 he and his wife Sarah are living at Napoli, Cattaraugus County, New York. He is listed as "works on RR" in the occupation column. Also in his household is Bird Latham, age 22 and born in Illinois, a stepson.

He apparently had no surviving issue by either of his wives.

397. ELIHU BILLINGS[8] SKIDMORE, was born August 1821 at Sandgate, Ben-

nington County, Vermont, the son of Sherman (no. 235) and Fanny (Billings) Skidmore. He was living as late as 1900 in Fremont Township, Isabella County, Michigan. He married on 5 May 1844 at Willoughby, Lake County, Ohio, Catherine Jane, the daughter of David Buffington of Willoughby. She was born in September 1824 and was also living in 1900.

Elihu B. Skidmore moved with his family in 1836 to Mayfield, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, and in 1849 he moved to Athens, Calhoun County, Michigan. In 1860 he was living at Wakeshma, Kalamazoo County, Michigan, and in 1870 he was enumerated twice: he was in Liberty Township, Pulaski County, Missouri, and also back at Athens, Calhoun County, Michigan. Possibly he went to Missouri for a brief time at the behest of his sister Maria, wife of Benjamin Willson, who is said to have settled in that state.

In 1880 he was living in Hope Township, Barry County, Michigan, and in 1900 he and his wife were in Fremont Township, Isabella County, Michigan.

Children:

i. John, born 1846. Died young.
ii. Fanny R., born 1848. She was living with her grandfather Buffington at Willoughby, Ohio, in 1850.
iii. Ida, born 1850. Died young.
iv. Edwin B., a twin, born 1853.
v. Emily B., a twin, born 1853. She married Thomas Norman on 14 September 1873 in Lake County, Ohio.
vi. David M., born 1855. He married Dayetta _____ and was living in Hope Township, Barry County, Michigan, in 1880, and in 1910 in Schoolcraft County, Michigan, a widower.
vii. Mahlon, born March 1858. He married Elizabeth Miller (1857-1922) on 8 November 1877 in Kalamazoo County, Michigan. He died in 1936 at Hope Township, Barry County, Michigan; buried Cedar Creek Cemetery.
viii. Millard, born October 1860. He married Belle _____ and they were living in 1900 at St. Elmo, Fayette County, Illinois.
ix. Estella Carrie, born 1865. Living at home in 1880.

398. RUFUS[8] SKIDMORE, was born 28 March 1826 at Sandgate, Bennington County, Vermont, the son of Sherman (no. 235) and Fanny (Billings) Skidmore. He died 19 June 1893 at Wakeshma, Kalamazoo County, Michigan, aged 67 years, 2 months, 22 days. He married Martha, the daughter of Elihu Booth of Mentor, Lake County, Ohio, at Mayfield, Ohio, on 9 September 1847. She was born in 1829 in Ohio, and was living in 1880 at Wakeshma, Michigan.

Rufus Skidmore was living with his family and his father-in-law at

Willoughby, Ohio, in 1860. He had moved by 1870 to Wakeshma, Michigan. He died there on 19 June 1893 of injuries after being thrown from a buggy. His wife survived him. He was a farmer.

Children:

i. Cassius M., born 1848. He married Priscilla _____ (who was born in Canada about 1852). He died about 1886 in Rolland Township, Isabella County, Michigan. His widow married (2) _____ Chapman, and was living at the same place in 1900.
ii. Ella O., born 1852. She died 31 October 1860; buried Willoughby Ridge Cemetery.
iii. Edgar, born 1853. Died young.
iv. Byron Augustus, born March 1856. He married Anna S. Wedel (who was born in Canada about 1861) on 21 May 1878. They were living in 1900 in Brady Township, Kalamazoo County, Michigan.
v. George H., born December 1864. He married Sylvia R. Stone. They were living in 1900 at Battle Creek, Calhoun County, Michigan, and in 1910 in Barry County, Michigan.

399. HENRY[8] SKIDMORE, was born in 1820 at Sandgate, Bennington County, Vermont, the son of Lysander (no. 236) and Ann (Montgomery) Skidmore. He was living as late as 1890 at Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County, New York, aged 70. He married Electa Bennett, who was born in New York, and who was probably dead in 1880.

He is enumerated in 1850 at Fort Edward, Washington County, New York, a farmer, and at the same place in 1860, a teamster. His wife, an adult, was baptized on 3 November 1861 at the Fort Edward Methodist Church. He enlisted there on 1 September 1861 in the 2nd New York Cavalry (Harris Light) for three years. His left leg was broken in October 1861 at Balls Cross Roads in Virginia while on review when his horse fell on him. He was discharged for disability on 7 December 1861 at Camp Palmer, Virginia.

He returned to Fort Edward after the war and was working in a brewery there in 1870; his son Hamon D. was "boating." He moved to Saratoga Springs about 1872 and in the directory of 1876 for Saratoga County he was a laborer living on Pearl Street near VanDorn. Charles H., his son, was a painter at the same address. They had moved by 1880 to Ellsworth, Emmett County, Iowa, where he is living, a widower, in the census of that year in the household of his son Charles H. Skidmore. He returned to Saratoga Springs after his son's death and was enumerated there in the 1890 census of veterans.

Children:

i. Charles H., born May 1845. He married Hattie F. Mallery on 13 November 1872 at Chestertown, Warren County, New York. He enlisted 1 November 1861 at Fort Edward, Washington County, in Company E, 96th New York Infantry, and was promoted to Sergeant. He reenlisted 1 January 1864, and was mustered out 4 August 1865. He had a deed from his mother on 1 February 1877 for their homes in both Fort Edward on Taylor Street and also in Saratoga Springs on Pearl Street north of VanDorn. In 1880 he was in Ellsworth, Emmett County, Iowa, and he died on 19 October 1882 aged 37 years, 5 months, at Amboy, Blue Earth County, Minnesota. His widow married (2) Fred Traver and was living as late as 1926 at Corinth, Saratoga County, New York.

ii. Sarah Ann, born 31 October 1851. She married William Amos Prindle (1842-1904) on 15 July 1871. He was a carpenter and builder. They moved to Saratoga Springs in 1872 and to New York City in 1877.

iii. Hamon D., born 1854. He was living in 1870 with his father, but no further record has been found.

400. HENRY[8] SKIDMORE, was born in 1823 in New York City, the son of Thomas (no. 238) and Abigail (Boles) Skidmore. He died in 1873 at Mt. Vernon, Westchester County, New York. He and several of his children are buried in the Skidmore Vault at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at Mt. Vernon. He married Catherine Yetman, who was born in 1829 and who died 8 April 1885. She married (2) Nicholas Collier on 15 June 1873, and (3) George W. Shaffer.

He was a draftsman in the 1850 census, and a dealer in tinfoil in 1862. He moved to Mt. Vernon, Westchester County, New York, in 1852, from his mother's home at 155 Delancy Street. He held several patents on printing devices, and also on the cutting and manufacturing of tinfoil. He was in business with his brothers for many years at 38 Crosby Street in New York City as Skidmore and Company. He had personal property of $30,000.00 in the 1870 census.

Children:

i. Louisa A., born 1850. She married Thomas Porteus and they were living in 1880 at 366 Madison Avenue in Brooklyn in the household of her brother William D. Skidmore. She was living in 1912 at Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida.

ii. William D. born 1853. He married Catherine Skidmore (1854-1892). He was a graduate of Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, and taught at Cooper Union in New York City. He was living in 1912 at Pelham, Westchester County, New York.

iii. Catherine Miranda, born November 1856. She married (1) Henry Penrose (-1885) on 6 December 1878, and (2) Thomas J. Skidmore (1842-1915) on 26 March 1892 at

Cleveland, Oswego County, New York.

iv. Henry (Harry), born February 1865. He married Rosalie Victoria Weber (1859-1955). He was the owner of the Skidmore Hotel at Mt. Vernon, died there at 226 W. 1st Street on 21 May 1942. Survived by his widow and two children.

401. THOMAS[8] SKIDMORE, was born in 1814 in New York City, the son of Zenas (no. 239) and Joanna (Sherman) Skidmore. He died on 15 June 1852 at Williamsburgh, Kings County, New York, aged 37 years, 9 months. He married Agnes, the daughter of John Bridle in 1836; she was born 17 October 1818 in New York City, and died 15 February 1890 at Brooklyn. She was living at 88 Wilson Street, Brooklyn, in 1880.

He was a merchant tailor, a trade learned from his father, and a great admirer of Horace Greeley. He is found in the New York City directories until 1844, when he built a new home at 204 Grand Street in Williamsburg, New York. He died there on 15 June 1852 leaving John B., Catherine A., Thomas J. S., Horace G., and Lewis A. B., all minors. His widow never remarried, and remained at 204 Grand Street for several years after his death.

Children:

i. John Bridle, born 6 October 1838. He never married. Moved in 1868 to Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, California. Living at San Francisco, San Francisco County, about 1878.

ii. Catherine Amelia, born 12 December 1840. She married John Thomas Burr on 14 March 1866. She was a Select School teacher in 1860. They were living in 1890 at the Mansion House on Hicks Street, Brooklyn. She died 7 June 1894.

iii. Ethan Allen, born 22 November 1842. Died an infant on 9 October 1843 at 363 Grand Street, New York City.

iv. Thomas Jefferson Sawyer, born 15 April 1844. He married Helen M. Burslem on 10 December 1866. He was a manufacturing jeweler in Brooklyn and at Jamaica in Queens County. He volunteered in Company B, 47th National Guard Infantry. Discharged in September 1862. Resumed jewelry business after the war at 750 Fulton Street, Brooklyn. Pensioner in 1902. He died 5 June 1915 at Center Moriches, Suffolk County, age 71, widow surviving.

v. Otho Rudolphus, born 16 August 1846. Died in infancy.

vi. Dr. Horace Greeley, born 28 August 1848. Never married. He graduated from Bellevue Hospital Medical College in 1888. He and his brother Lewis were living together in 1900 at 186 Kosciusko Street, Brooklyn; he was living in 1911.

vii. Lewis A. B., born 16 February 1851. He married Mary Wood (___-1897) on 5 May 1891. He went to California in 1869 and then to Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee. He enlisted (?at Gordon Valley, California) in 1870 in Company K, 3rd

United States Cavalry. He returned in 1884 to Brooklyn. He was living in 1912 at New York City.

402. FREDERICK WILLIAM[8] SKIDMORE, was born on 12 June 1817 in New York City, the son of Zenas (no. 239) and Joanna (Sherman) Skidmore. He died in 1901 at his home at 281 Graham Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. He married Elizabeth Bridle Brown on 27 September 1840 at New York City, she was born in 1821 and was dead in 1900.

He was a compositor on the New York Evening Post for many years. He is first noticed in the New York City directories at 57 Hester Street in 1842, a printer. He had moved by 1847 to the Bushwick section of Williamsburg, where he lived for several years at 255 Graham Avenue.

His will was proved on 7 February 1902.

Children:

i. Frederick Legget, born October 1841. He married Sarah Foster on 15 April 1868 at the Bushwick Reformed Church. He served as Sergeant in Company E, 11th New York Volunteer Cavalry. He was at Bull Run and Gettysburg; discharged 12 January 1865. He worked in the United States Customs House at Brooklyn. A widower in 1900 at 704 Grand Street. Died 1912.

ii. Isaac William, born July 1844. He married Rebecca Hamilton, the widow of _____ Coles, on 3 February 1867 at the Bushwick Reformed Church. Enlisted 23 April 1861 at New York City in Company I, 4th New York Infantry for two years. Discharged for disability at Baltimore, Baltimore County, Maryland on 4 August 1861. Reenlisted on 18 February 1862 in Company E, 11th New York Cavalry; mustered out 12 February 1865 at Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee. Pensioner. He died in 1901, widow surviving. Carman, clerk and weigher by trade. Living on Broadway, Queens, in 1900.

iii. Charlotte, born 1846. She married Joseph M. Reilly on 14 May 1868 at the Bushwick Reformed Church. They lived at Brooklyn, Kings County, New York.

iv. Sarah Jane, born 1847. She married J. Wesley Saunders on 30 October 1872 at the Bushwick Reformed Church. He was a pharmacist at Brooklyn.

v. Mary J., born October 1850. She married Daniel West on 1 October 1867. He was a dry goods merchant in Brooklyn. She was living, his widow, in 1900 with her father.

vi. Emma Priscilla, born 1851. She married George Bennett on 1 November 1872 at the Bushwick Reformed Church.

vii. Lucy A., born 1854. She married Adolph Van Rein. He was an attorney at Brooklyn.

viii. Louise R., born 1854. Dead 1912.
ix. James, born ____. Died in infancy.

403. STEPHEN DECATUR[8] SKIDMORE, was born in 1820 in New York City, the son of Zenas (no. 239) and Joanna (Sherman) Skidmore. He died 28 December 1895 aged 76 at Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut. He was married three times: (1) Agnes Post on 1 March 1842; she was born in 1817 and died 29 July 1842 at 111 Staunton Street, New York City, and (2) Sarah Ann Bonnington on 17 September 1843; she was born in 1824 and died 4 April 1845 at 105 Eldridge Street, New York City. He married (3) Amanda, the daughter of John and Catherine (_ _____) Vosburg, and previously the wife of Archibald Burgess Tuttle from whom she was divorced. She was born in 1822 and died 11 March 1897 at Stratford, Connecticut.

He was a merchant tailor in New York City and later a member of the Metropolitan Police Force. He is called a contractor in the 1850 city directory, and a policeman in 1851. He moved about 1854 to Bridgeport, Connecticut, where he is enumerated in 1860. He enlisted there in Company K, Third Regiment of Connecticut Infantry on 24 April 1861, and later in Company A, 14th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry. He was wounded in the left thigh at Antietam on 17 September 1862 and was captured at Dinwiddie Court House in Virginia 28 October 1864; paroled 17 February 1865. Mustered out 31 May 1865. He was a pensioner at Bridgeport in 1883.

After the war he worked for the Bridgeport Police Department and as a court official. He had no surviving issue.

Child: (First wife)

i. Martha Elizabeth, born 15 July 1842. Died 4 February 1844 at 7 Birmingham Street, New York. Called "only child" in a newspaper obituary.

404. EDWARD MITCHELL[8] SKIDMORE, was born in September 1821 in New York City, the son of Zenas (no. 239) and Joanna (Sherman) Skidmore. He was living in 1900 at 51 Carlton Place, Passaic, Passaic County, New Jersey. He married Eliza L., the daughter of James J. Neale, on 16 November 1842 in New York City; she was born in 1826 and died in 1891.

He was a compositor and printer and is first found in the New York City directories in 1843 at 35 Suffolk Street. He was employed by the New York Evening Post as an editor for over 25 years. (The Post is a particularly good source for vital records of the Skidmores of this period, for he saw that all the news of his family of uncles and cousins made its way into print.) He was a member of the New York Typographical Society for over 50 years, serving as both President and Secretary.

In 1864 he was appointed Bond Clerk in the New York Custom House, a position he held for 28 years. In 1880 he was living at 27 West 126th Street with his wife Eliza L. Skidmore, and a grandson Frank Skidmore, aged 7. In 1880 another grandson, Walter W. Skidmore, aged 5, was living with his maternal grandmother, a Mrs. Joses, at 61 Perry Street.

He was a Republican, and was secretary of the Republican Central Club of New York City in 1861. He finally retired to Passaic, New Jersey, to live near his son Edward M. Skidmore, Jr., after his wife died in 1891.

Child:

i. Edward Mitchell, born October 1844. He married Ida A. Joses. He was a broker in New York City for many years, in 1880 they were living at 208 W. 122nd Street. They moved to Passaic, Passaic County, New Jersey, and were living at 15 Carlton Place there in 1900.

405. ISAAC[8] SKIDMORE, was born in February 1825 at New York City, the son of Zenas (no. 239) and Joanna (Sherman) Skidmore. He was living in 1912 at Brooklyn, New York. He married Martha A. Palmer, who is called "of Ogdensburgh, New York." She was born in 1825, and was dead in 1900.

He is first found as a butcher in the Brooklyn city directory for 1850, living on Columbia near Sackett (presumably the same house as 188 Columbia and 85 Sackett where he is found in 1852 and 1853). He was appointed an Inspector at the U. S. Custom House in 1860, which he resigned in 1881 to take a position in the Park Department.

In 1880 Isaac Skidmore, employed at the Custom House was living at 560 Henry Street, Brooklyn; also found in the city directory for this year at the same address were his two sons George W. and William P. Skidmore. In 1900 Isaac Skidmore is living alone at 429 Fifth Avenue, Brooklyn.

Children:

i. Orville Nash, born 30 January 1851. Died 30 March 1852 in infancy.
ii. William Palmer, born 1 April 1853. He married Catherine _____ and was living in 1900 at 255 Gold Street, Brooklyn.
iii. Maria Augusta, born 1 March 1855. She married Albert Preston Woodruff of Farmington, Hartford County, Connecticut.
iv. George Washington, born 4 July 1857. He married Elizabeth Gascone. They were living at 157 52nd Street, Brooklyn, in 1900.

406. LUTHER MITCHELL[8] SKIDMORE, was born 4 October 1821 at Siloam,

Madison County, New York, the son of Wolcott (no. 245) and Adelia (Mallory) Skidmore. He died 6 December 1896 at Chicago Junction (near Toledo), Lucas County, Ohio.

He married Cordelia (Delia) Vail of Chautauqua County, New York, on 15 October 1848 at Mayville in that county. She was born in February 1824 and died 15 September 1900. She was living at her death with her son Wendell P. Skidmore at Chicago Junction.

He moved in 1848 to St. Clair, St. Clair County, Michigan, and in 1857 to Toledo, Ohio. He was engaged in lumber and manufacturing and owned two schooners on the Great Lakes. In 1871 he was one of the organizers of the Adams Street Mission in Toledo, and was interested in benevolent work all his life.

Children:

i. Wolcott V., born 2 February 1853. Died 22 September 1853.
ii. Willis F., born 12 June 1855. Died 15 October 1855.
iii. Russell V., born 15 August 1857. Died unmarried 21 January 1875, and was buried on 23 January 1875 in the Forrest Cemetery, aged 18.
iv. Wendell P., born 30 September 1859. He married three times: (1) Louisa M. Bowers on 13 October 1880 at Toledo; she died 10 July 1882, and (2) Jennie L. Edwards on 28 July 1885 at Toledo, and (3) Ida H. Fast on 2 December 1891 at Chicago Junction, Ohio. They were living there in 1900.
v. Edwin, born 1865. Died the same year in infancy.

407. JOHN CARRINGTON[8] SKIDMORE, was born 23 June 1830 at Perrysburg, Cattaraugus County, New York, the son of Wolcott (no. 245) and Adelia (Mallory) Skidmore. He was living in 1855. He married Ellen Gould; she was born in 1828 in Ireland. They were married at Buffalo, Erie County, New York, but the date has not been found. He was buried 26 March 1887 aged 55 in Forrest Cemetery at Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio.

In the 1850 census John Skidmore, a painter, and his wife Ellen, are living at Aurora, Erie County. They are also found in the 1855 state census at the same place; John C. Skidmore is still a painter, and was born in Cattaraugus County according to the return. They are missing in 1860. They were childless in 1855, and apparently remained so.

408. GEORGE[8] SKIDMORE, was born 16 September 1860 at Hollis, Queens County, Long Island, the son of John (no. 247) and Mary (Carpenter) Skidmore. He died at the same place on 24 July 1905. He married Alice, the daughter of Laurens Reeve on 28 September 1848; she was born 16 June 1824 and died 7 January 1909. They are both buried in Prospect Cemetery, at Jamaica.

He was a merchant and real estate broker at Jamaica. He was president of the Jamaica Gas Light Company incorporated in 1856. In 1867 he was elected one of the Commissioners to build the new Town Hall at Jamaica.

Children:

i. John Laurens. Died young.
ii. George Tuthill. Died young.
iii. Mary Alice, born 13 December 1857. She died 30 April 1860 aged 2 years, 4 months, 18 days. Buried Prospect Cemetery.
iv. Ellsworth Reeve, born 14 April 1861. He married (1) Mabel Brenton (1872-1896), and (2) Jeannie A. Williams who was a native of Wales. He was living, then unmarried, with his parents at 46 Clinton Avenue, Jamaica, Long Island, in 1900.

409. ABRAHAM[8] SKIDMORE, was born in 1815 at South Hempstead, Queens County, Long Island, the son of Stephen Hicks (no. 260) and Elizabeth (Golder) Skidmore. He had died before the 1870 census was taken in South Hempstead. He married (1) Mary Elizabeth Hendrikson on 31 May at Foster's Meadow, Hempstead; she died 29 August 1841. She was the daughter of David Hendrikson. He married (2) Jemina P. Jones on 11 September 1842; she was born in 1817 and died 25 August 1882 at South Hempstead. She was living, his widow, in 1870. Both of his wives were buried from the Presbyterian Church at Hempstead, and his wife Jemina P. Skidmore was buried in Greenfield Cemetery at Hempstead.

He was a farmer at Hempstead.

Children: (First wife)

i. David S., born 1838. He married (1) _____ Snedeker, and (2) Emma Jean Smith on 5 February 1863 at Brooklyn, Long Island. He is first found in the Brooklyn directories in 1861. Later a farmer at Port Washington, Long Island, he and his wife Emma were members of the Great Neck Methodist Episcopal Church in 1872.

(Second wife)

ii. John Ludlum, born May 1844 and was baptized 30 June 1844 at Christ Presbyterian Church, Hempstead. He married Mary _____. He is first noticed in the Brooklyn directory for 1868, a driver at 315 Ryerson Street. In 1880 he was living at 259 Bushwick Avenue, an expressman, with his wife and two daughters. He died at 515 Chauncey Street, Brooklyn, on 8 February 1929 in his 85th year. Buried Greenfield Cemetery, Hempstead.

410. HICKS[8] SKIDMORE, was born 31 January 1817 at Jamaica, Long Island, the son of Stephen Hicks (no. 260) and Elizabeth (Golder) Skidmore. He died 4 March 1894 at the home of his only surviving son at Montclair, Essex County, New Jersey, a commission merchant at 156 Franklin Street. He married Ruth Hendrikson on 30 April 1839 at the Presbyterian Church, Jamaica, Long Island; she was born 3 May 1813 and died 20 March 1897. They are buried in Prospect Cemetery, Jamaica.

Hicks Skidmore went to Brooklyn to work in the Navy Yard. He is first found in the directories in 1848 as a blacksmith living at the corner of Fleet and Willoughby Streets. By 1850 he had become a manufacturer of iron railings at 16 Carll Street, and he continued at this through the Civil War. In 1866 he is listed as a clerk, and in 1870 he became a messenger for the Brooklyn Bank retiring about 1879. He helped establish the Children's Home in Brooklyn.

Children:

i. Charles Henderson, born 10 March 1840. He married Frances Louisa Hallock. He was a commission merchant at 111 Broad Street, New York City, in 1870, living in Brooklyn. In 1880 he was living at 125 Herkimer Street, Brooklyn, but moved to Montclair, Essex County, New Jersey, where his will was recorded in 1899. His widow was living in 1900 at 381 Central Park West, New York City.

ii. William Ludlum, born 23 July 1844. Died 24 March 1866 unmarried; buried Prospect Cemetery, Jamaica.

iii. Edwin Mudge, born 30 July 1851. Died 26 June 1852 an infant; buried Prospect Cemetery, Jamaica.

411. SAMUEL M.[8] SKIDMORE, was born in 1820 at South Hempstead, Queens County, Long Island, the son of Stephen Hicks (no. 260) and Elizabeth (Golder) Skidmore. He married Deborah Phraner on 16 May 1844 at Jamaica, Long Island; she was born in 1825 and left a will dated 18 June 1890 (probated 14 May 1900). She survived her husband who died at Brooklyn, Kings County, Long Island, on 29 January 1885.

He was a carpenter and builder in Brooklyn, having moved there by 1844. He appears continuously in the city directories and was living at the time of his death at 542 Willoughby Street, Brooklyn.

Children:

i. Edward, born 14 June 1850. Died 19 May 1864 aged 13 years, 11 months, 5 days at Brooklyn.

ii. Ruth Ellen, born May 1852. Living unmarried in 1900 with her brother-in-law Francis Hoyt at Brooklyn.

iii. Caroline, born 1855. Died 3 June 1864 aged 9 at Brooklyn.

iv. George H., born 1857. Living 1890.
v. Lewis, born March 1859. He died 23 February 1860 at Brooklyn, aged 11 months.
vi. Emma, born April 1862. She married Francis Hoyt and was living at 1385 Gates Street, Brooklyn, in 1900.
vii. Sarah M., born 1866. Died 17 July 1866 aged 6 months at Brooklyn.
viii. Samuel G., born 1869. Died 31 August 1869 age 3 months at Brooklyn.

412. JOHN ADAM SEABURY[8] SKIDMORE, was born 7 May 1825 at South Hempstead, Queens County, Long Island, the son of Smith (no. 261) and Miriam Peters (Seabury) Skidmore. He died 21 June 1884 at Babylon, Suffolk County, Long Island, aged 59 years, 1 month, 14 days. He is buried in the Babylon Rural Cemetery. He married Amelia, the daughter of John Rhodes; she was born in June 1830 and was living in 1900 his widow.

John A. S. Skidmore, a baker, appears for two years in the Brooklyn directories; in 1855 and 1856 he was living at 201 S. Second Street. He was back at Hempstead soon after where he was a druggist.

Children:

i. Charles Frederick, born 24 February 1851. He married Lillian Louise Simonson on 20 June 1877 at Christ Presbyterian Church, Hempstead. He was a clerk in a store at Hempstead in 1870. He died 27 January 1880.
ii. Marsden F., born November 1853. He married Emily Williams. He was a clerk in a store at Hempstead in 1870. He was living at 250 Jefferson Street, Brooklyn, in 1900.
iii. Jane A., born 1855. She is said to have married twice, (1) _____ Smith, and then to another husband.
iv. Edgar R., born 1860. At school in 1870.
v. Emma A., born 1862. She married John P. Hilton. They were living on Main Street, Hempstead, in 1900, with her mother Amelia P. Skidmore.
vi. Eugene D., born 1864. He is said to have married and to have had children. (Not found in 1900 census.)
vii. Warren F., born October 1869. He married Gertrude _____. They were living in 1900 on Millburn Road, Hempstead.

413. WILLIAM R.[8] SKIDMORE, was born in 1827 in Boone County, Missouri, the son of Peyton R. (no. 289) and Patsy (Ridgeway) Skidmore. He died 19 February 1876 at Miami, Saline County, Missouri. He married Martha E. Ketchum on 30 August 1849 in Moniteau County, Missouri; she was born in October 1825 in North Carolina, and was living in 1880 in Trego County, Kansas, and in 1900 at Miami, Saline County, Missouri, in both years in the household of her son-in-law William S. Chinn. She was

living in 1890 at Miami, Missouri, then aged 65.

William Skidmore was living with his grandfather, Elijah Ridgeway, in Howard County, Missouri, in 1836. He was living in 1850 in Moniteau County, Missouri, and in 1860 and 1870 at Miami, Saline County, Missouri. He enlisted at Marshall in that county on 28 July 1862 aged 34 in Company F, 71st Regiment of Enrolled Missouri Militia. He was discharged 25 December 1862, and was later a pensioner.

Children:

i. James F., born October 1852. He married (1) Margaret S. _____, and (2) Erie O. _____. He was living in 1880 in Trego County, Kansas, in 1900 at Harrison, White County, Arkansas, and in Tulsa County, Oklahoma, in 1910.
ii. Sarah G., born 1856.
iii. Nancy E., born 1858.
iv. Ann E., born 1861. She married William S. Chinn they were living in 1880 at Trego County, Kansas.
v. Reverend John Henry, born October 1867. He married Sarah E. _____. He attended William Jewell College and was ordained a Baptist minister on 29 November 1894. He served a church at DeWitt, Carroll County, Missouri. They were living in 1900 and 1910 at Carrollton, Carroll County, Missouri.

414. JAMES[8] SKIDMORE, was born 21 June 1822 in Pendleton County, (West) Virginia, the son of Samuel (no. 300) and Elizabeth (Parsons) Skidmore. He died 22 January 1899 aged 76 years, 7 months and 1 day in Holly District, Braxton County, West Virginia. He married Emsey, the daughter of Abner and Abarilla (_____) Hosey; she was born 1 April 1829 and died 23 December 1901 aged 78 years, 8 months and 22 days. She was the sister of John J. Skidmore. They are buried in the Morrison Cemetery.

He was a farmer on Flatwoods Run near Morrison Church in Holly District, Braxton County.

Children:

i. Marcellus, born 18 February 1848. He died 6 December aged 20 years, 9 months and 18 days.
ii. Sarah J., born 3 March 1852. She married Reverend Jonathan Y. Gillespie (1842-1928) on 20 January 1875. They were living in Holly District, Braxton County, in 1880. She died 13 September 1915, buried Newville Cemetery.
iii. Elizabeth, born April 1853. She married Christopher C. Lough in November 1872. (She was living as Elizabeth Lough with her father in 1880 but is called Elizabeth Skidmore

thereafter.) Living with her sister Phebe Ann Bright in 1900 in Holly District and alone in 1910.

iv. Samuel J., born April 1855. He married Phebe J. Skidmore (1863-1959) on 6 December 1883. They were living in Holly District in 1910. He died in 1941 and is buried in the Morrison Cemetery.

v. Rachel Sabina, born 5 June 1857. She married William G. Bright (1856-1940) on 18 October 1875 in Braxton County. They were living in Holly District, Braxton County, in 1880. She died 19 June 1926.

vi. John W., born December 1860. He married Lucy E. Ligget on 22 December 1891. They were living in Holly District in 1910.

vii. Virginia E., born 1864. She married Charles A. Greathouse on 24 May 1892 in Braxton County.

viii. Jemina Lucy, born 1867. Died young.

ix. Phebe Ann, born 1869. She married Homer L. Bright on 17 October 1889. They were living in Holly District in 1900.

x. Gilbert B., born 1872. He married Myrtle Dove Dennison on 24 March 1900. They were living in Holly District in 1910.

APPENDIX
THE SKYDMORE (SCUDAMORE) FAMILY OF MAYSHILL, WESTERLEIGH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE

The Skydmores or Scudamores (the spellings were used interchangeably in the time of the Tudors) of Mayshill were probably a branch of the ancient knightly family of the name who had been at Upton Scudamore in Wiltshire at the time of the Domesday Book in 1086. By the middle of the 14th century there were several branches out of younger sons living in reduced circumstances at Compton Chamberlain and at Malmesbury and elsewhere in Wiltshire. It is tempting to identify the Mayshill family with an obscure branch of the Scudamores at Malmsbury which is only 12 miles away. I have dealt with the medieval family in The Scudamores of Upton Scudamore: a knightly family in medieval Wiltshire, 1086-1382 (1982) and the interested reader is referred to it. A probable descent of the Westerleigh family has been suggested there on page 55.

It is also possible that the Skydmores of Mayshill owed their presence there to either Walter Gascelyn or his heirs. Gascelyn died in 1333 holding Norridge Wood and Thoulstone in Upton Scudamore from Peter Eskydemour, then lord of the manor, according to his inquest post mortem taken in Wiltshire on 16 May 1333. He also held a few little pieces of land in Gloucestershire, and an inquest was taken in that county 10 days earlier. It shows that he had 18 acres of furze in the vill of Westerleigh held from the Bishop of Bath and Wells. His great-grandson, John Stawell, held much of this as late as 1402. The Skydmores of Mayshill may have come out from Wiltshire to settle on these 18 acres as either the tenants of Gascelyn or the Stawells after him.

The Skydmores at Westerleigh were substantial yeomen. The heir in each generation had a freehold estate at Mayshill which descended from father to the eldest son, but the younger sons were forced to either negotiate a leasehold from the lords of the manor or to migrate elsewhere. Most, we suspect, left for Bristol, London, Ireland, or (at a later date) New England, to improve their lot. The heirs to the land at Mayshill were styled yeomen which meant early in the time of Queen Elizabeth I that they were freeholders next under the rank of gentlemen, and countrymen of respectable standing having an income of 40 shillings by the year from their land. The heirs, during the lifetime of their fathers, were usually called husbandmen (inferior to yeoman, but better than cottagers, laborers, or tradesmen). The younger sons were usually apprenticed to tradesmen having no great prospect of acquiring land.

A Richard Sudemor was taxed on 3sh 3d in the hamlet of West[er]ley in Pucklechurch Hundred in 1327. The original of the subsidy survives on 31 membranes at the Public Record Office in London (E. 179/113/5). It was transcribed and printed many years ago by Sir Thomas Phillipps in a very rare edition of 52 leaves of which a complete copy is at the Gloucester Public Library. (The Public Record Office has an incomplete copy of the first 26 pages only.) In the printed text Sudemor is

wrongly transcribed as Dudemor as I verified to my satisfaction by consulting the original document in 1973.

This Richard was dead before 11 July 1353 and may very well have died in the great plague of 1349 which carried away perhaps as much as a third of the population of Gloucestershire. He was tenant to Ralph de Shrewsbury, the Bishop of Bath and Wells, who had been consecrated in 1329 and who died in 1363. He is generally accounted to have been a "good" bishop; he retired to the country during the Black Death and survived it. At the height of the plague in Somerset he permitted women to administer the rite of extreme unction to the dying (the parish priests having been among the first to perish). Only one court roll survives from this period (from what would have been a long annual sequence); it somehow made its way to the archives of the Archbishop of Canterbury and is now in the library at Lambeth Palace in London.

At the halmote held on the Thursday next after the Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr in the 27th year of the reign of Edward III and in the 24th year after the consecration of the lord of Pucklechurch Hundred, Ralph [de Shrewsbury], Bishop of Bath and Wells (11 July 1353), the "friends" of Thomas atte Fenne came to court to arrange his marriage to Margaret de S[c]oddemor and to pay a heriot due on his father's land. Since the text of this roll is written in a very crabbed court hand and the Latin is severely contracted (a great many consonants and full words are omitted; the scribe was not one to waste expensive vellum) we offer a full translation of the reconstructed text:

> "Thomas son of Richard atte Fenne together with his friends comes [to court] and surrenders into the hands of the lord one messuage and one fardel of lands from the ancient homestead called Hoperestenement which the aforesaid Richard [atte Fenne] held in his possession. And he gives to the lord in respect of heriot half a mark by covenant. And in accordance with this the aforesaid Thomas and Margaret, daughter of Richard de S[c]oddemor, will come and will give to the lord 20sh in fine to have entry to the messuage and land aforesaid. So that he may marry the aforesaid Margaret and to have and to hold [the land] in villenage according to the custom of the manor by rent and service thereto owed and by custom. And if it should happen that Thomas [the intended husband] of the aforesaid Margaret should die the lord by his death will have heriot. And it is hereafter granted to Roger Camwo[r]th because he has custody of the bodies of the aforesaid Thomas and Margaret with the aforesaid messuage and its land because they are of a minor age [using] the smallest sufficiencies to support and maintain the aforesaid tenement until the end of the period of six years next following when he will have fully completed supporting the aforesaid Thomas and Margaret suitably as far as the estate of the same is fitting, and he will maintain the aforesaid messuage and land

> in the same good condition as he received it or better. And do the service of the same tenement owed and by custom for the aforesaid period paying the said fine of 20sh at the feast of St. Michael. And [render] heriot [before] all the halmote by the surety of Thomas Bar[n]staple and Roger Caymwo[r]th. And the aforesaid Roger gives to the lord 40d for this enrollment to be had before all the halmote by [the] surety of him himself."

It may be assumed that Thomas at Fen was about 15 years old and Margaret de Scudamore was probably a bit younger. A Thomas atte Fenne in the next generation was vicar of Pucklechurch.

The next certain reference found to a Scudamore is in another court roll from 1463 also at Lambeth Palace. From it we find that at a halmote held for Westerleigh on 12 October in the third year of the reign of Edward IV (1463) a stray black colt worth four pence was given into custody of Robert Skyddemore from the feast of the Pentecost until the next sitting of the court. The connected pedigree for this family begins with:

FIRST GENERATION.

1. RICHARD[1] SKYDMORE, was born at Mayshill, Westerleigh, about the year 1480; he was great-great-grandfather of Thomas Skidmore (1605-1684) of New England. His parentage is unknown, but he is doubtless related to the Robert Skydmore living in Westerleigh in 1463.

He owned a freehold estate at Mayshill, and at a halmote taken for Westerleigh at Pucklechurch on Michaelmas Day in the 31st year of the reign of Henry VIII (29 September 1539) John Rogers and Richard Skydmore of Mayshill were presented to the court to make a ditch from Vern Hill as far as Weynelane Gate and from Weynelane Gate as far as Skydmore's Gate before the court under the pain of forfeiting 3sh 4d each if they did not comply.

John Rogers left a will dated 22 September 1546, but no probate has been found for Richard Skydmore. Gloucestershire is particularly poor in early probates; only a part of the wills once proved in the archdeacon's court (before Gloucester became a diocese) survive, and all of the administrations on intestates are lost before 1570. While Richard Skydmore was living in 1539 he does not appear on the muster taken of able bodied men in the county from 16 to 60 taken only three years later in 1542 being either dead or overage.

Child: (probable)

2. i. John.

SECOND GENERATION.

2. JOHN[2] SKIDMORE, presumably the son and heir of Richard (no. 1) Skydmore, was born in the general area of 1510 at Mayshill, Westerleigh. It is possible that he is the John Skidmore buried at the Abbey Church, Bath, on 20 October 1570, although the Skidmores are not known to have located this early at that place.

He is listed in a muster taken in the tithing of Westerleigh in 1542. The muster is divided into two columns of able bodied men: "archers able" and a slightly longer list of "bylemen able." John Skydmore is listed with the able archers. The tithing had also furnished harness (armor) for four men and two archers and two billmen.

Again no probate has been found, but we feel certain that he is the father of the siblings listed below.

Children:

3. i. Richard, the eldest son and heir.
4. ii. William.
iii. Elizabeth, a spinster. She was buried in the churchyard at St. Mary's, Thornbury, Gloucestershire, on 18 September 1614 (the day of her death).

THIRD GENERATION

3. RICHARD[3] SKYDMORE, was born about 1540 at Mayshill, Westerleigh, and was buried in the church or churchyard at St. James the Great, Westerleigh, on 16 October 1609. He married Mary, the daughter of John Hollister, who survived him and married (2) Richard Agrove (1560-1634) of Thornbury, Gloucestershire. She was buried at St. Mary's, Thornbury, as Mary Grove on 10 February 1634/5.

He lived, beyond doubt, on the freehold farm belonging to his grandfather of the same name at Mayshill. He is first found on 14 February 1582/3 when Joan Fowler, a widow in the adjoining parish of Wapley, appointed William Kylbey of Tormarton and Richard Skidmore of Westerleigh as overseers of her will signed on that day. On 22 June 1589 he was a witness to the will of William Fowler of Westerleigh, and on 2 July 1598 Christopher Fowler of Wapley was a witness to the will of John Skidmore the elder. All of these witnessings back and forth suggest that the Fowlers were related in some unknown way to the Skidmores. Edward Fowler (1632-1714), born at Westerleigh the son of Richard Fowler, was Bishop of Gloucester and was presumably related to this family.

Christopher Hollister, a bachelor brother of Mary Skidmore, in his will of 11 December 1599 left one ewe sheep to her daughter Agnes Skidmore, a ram to her daughter Joyce Skidmore, and a ram to Mary, their mother.

APPENDIX

Thomas Hollister, who died in 1612, was an overseer of the will of his brother-in-law Richard Skidmore on 29 August 1609 and another Thomas Hollister (died 1639, the third son of the elder) was named overseer to the will of James Skidmore on 14 June 1629. Mary Skidmore also had brothers William Hollister (the eldest, a yeoman), John (living in 1629), and a sister Agnes (died 1629) who married Nicholas Legg of Latteridge in Iron Acton, Gloucestershire.

Richard Skydmore was also a witness to the will of James Peryman of Westerleigh on 4 June 1589 and to the will of Robert Cornock on 16 December 1590. The will of Thomas Coke of Nibley in Westerleigh dated 16 December 1590 remembers a debt of 10sh which he owed to Richard Skydmore.

In the great muster of the county taken in August 1608 (printed in 1902 as Men and Armour for Gloucestershire in 1608) Richard Skidmore is not listed with the able bodied men between 16 and 60, but is noted at the end as being "Unable in body but hath one musket furnished."

The will of Richard Skydmore, yeoman, is dated 29 August 1609 and was proved at the Prerogative Court of Canterbury on 30 November of the same year. Probate was given to the widow Mary Skydmore. In it he asks to be buried in the church or churchyard at Westerleigh, and he leaves 6sh 8d to the poor of the parish. To his son William he leaves all the debts due him at Newbury and Hungerford [both in Berkshire] and the debts owed him by John Showell of Cleeve, Gloucestershire, and by Christopher Horner of Bristol "which may be sued for at the cost and charges of my son William." [No suits in chancery have been found concerning these debts.] He confirms to his daughter Agnes £20 previously given her which has since been borrowed by her brother William, John Love of Westerleigh, and Thomas Hollister. To his daughter Agnes he also left half his corn, half his hay, half his household stuff "within doors," six kyne, and two calves. Agnes was still unmarried and obviously had not had her marriage settlement.

To his godchildren he left 12d each. To Mary Skydmore "my servant" [and his niece] he left a calf and a heifer. To the children of his son James he left a yearling and a calf to be sold and the money divided between them, and to Mary Cornock [daughter of Christopher Cornock], his granddaughter, a heifer. To his sons James and John, and his daughter Joyce "now wife of Christopher Cornock" he left 40sh each. To his son William he left the "great crock in the chamber in which I lie." The residue was left to his wife Mary who was named the sole executrix. Thomas Hollister and Christopher Cornock were to serve as overseers "and to them 3sh 4d each." The will was written and witnessed by Reverend Robert Hooper, parson of Iron Acton; Thomas Hollister was the other witness.

The widow remained for a time at Westerleigh. The will of Richard Fernely, a clothier of Mayshill, dated 1 December 1611 mentions a debt of £10 owed to Mary Skidmore, a widow. She may have moved to Thornbury

by 9 August 1612 when she was a sponsor at the christening of her granddaughter Mary Lawerence at that place. She met and married Richard Argrove of Sibland, Thornbury, a widower, on 3 November 1614 at St. Mary's, Thornbury. He was born in 1560 and was buried at the same church on 20 April 1634. His will left to his wife Mary "my best fflock bed, one pair of sheets, one pair of blanketts, two coverledds, one bolster, one coffer, one brass pann, one kettle, two crocks, six pieces of pewter, two candlesticks, one pewter pot, one faire tablebord with a frame, three gyne stools, one faire cubbord, and one bedstead which remayneth in the possession of Thomas Lawrence, my sonne-in-law" (actually stepson-in-law). She also had a yearly annuity of £6 lawful money from the estate.

Richard Skidmore had six children, among them two sons named John. Probably one was named for his father and the other for his wife's father, a not uncommon custom of the time.

Children:

5. i. John, the elder. Died before his father, unmarried.
6. ii. James, his son and heir.
7. iii. John, the younger.
8. iv. William.

v. Joyce, married Christopher Cornock on 8 November 1604 at North Nibley, Gloucestershire, "by virtue of a license from Mr. Doctor Seaman, Chancellor of Gloucester." They lived at Mayshill, Westerleigh.

vi. Agnes, married Thomas Lawrence on 15 February 1609/10 at Iron Acton, Gloucestershire. They lived at The Hackett, Thornbury, Gloucestershire, where she was buried on 9 December 1612.

4. WILLIAM[3] SKYDMORE (SCUDAMORE), was born about 1545 at Mayshill, Westerleigh; he was doubtless over 60 in 1608 and a younger son of John (no. 2) Skydmore of that place. He was living there on 8 September 1614, but was dead by 30 November 1615 when the administration of his estate was given to his son John Scudamore.

Much of what we know of this William Skidmore comes from the long gossipy will of his sister Elizabeth who had gone in the 1590s to live in the household of Sir John Stafford at Marlwood Park in Thornbury, Gloucestershire. Sir John on the point of leaving for the expedition in Spain left an unprobated will dated 10 May 1596 leaving her £5. She was buried in the churchyard at St. Mary's, Thornbury, on 18 September 1614 leaving a long will dated the same day. She left Sir John Stafford the chest or coffer "now in the chamber within the dayhouse" and he was named the sole executor of her will. There were a multitude of other bequests to Lady Dorothy Stafford and her other friends at Thornbury, both in cash legacies and in personal property. She also remembered

most of her nephews and nieces at Westerleigh. To William Skidmore's son of Mayshill, she left 40sh of the £6 "which the William his father oweth me" and the other £4 she left to the two children of Christopher Cornock "which he had by Joyce the daughter of my brother Richard Skidmore." There were gifts of clothing and personalty to Mary, Elizabeth, and Margery "daughters of my brother William Skidmore," and to Mary Skidmore, her sister-in-law. She also remembered Mary, the daughter of Thomas Lawrence of The Hackett, Thornbury, and she left "my great coffer and the linen in it at my decease" to the wife of William Croome of Westerleigh [and the daughter of James Skidmore].

William Skidmore had died before 30 November 1615 when the administration on his estate was given to his son John Scudamore at Gloucester. The estate was apparently of a respectable size for he, together with James Scudamore, yeoman of Westerleigh, and Joseph Whitewood, yeoman, were bound in the sum of £40. On 18 September 1617 John Scudamore, now identified as of the city of Bath, came back to court and obtained an acquittance, his work being done.

Only one of the sons-in-law of William Scudamore of Mayshill has been identified. This was Joseph Whitewood, alias Whitehead or Whitehood, of Wickwick in the adjoining parish of Frampton Cotterell, Gloucestershire. In 1608 he was a servant to Arthur Kemis, gentleman, of Wickwick, and aged about 20 and of the tallest stature fit to make a pikeman. He was cited to the court at Westerleigh on 30 October 1627 "for oppressing our common... 40sh." He was buried as Joseph Whitehead on 23 April 1629 at Frampton Cotterell, leaving a will dated two days earlier making his wife Margery his executrix. She survived him by only two years and was buried at the same church as Margerie Whitehead on 6 June 1631. Her will mentions their four children John, Anne, Elizabeth and Katherine Whitewood, and made Richard Attwood and "my brother Thomas Scidmore" as her executors.

The other daughters of William Skidmore, both spinsters apparently in 1614, may have never married.

Children:

9. i. Richard.
10. ii. William.
11. iii. John.
12. iv. Thomas.
v. Mary, who was unmarried and a servant to her uncle Richard Skidmore in 1609. Remembered in 1614 in the will of her aunt Elizabeth Skidmore.
vi. Elizabeth, living 1614.
vii. Margery, married (by 1615) Joseph Whitewood or Whitehead, yeoman, of Wickwick, Frampton Cotterell, Gloucestershire. She was buried there on 6 June 1631.

FOURTH GENERATION

5. JOHN[3] SKIDMORE, was born about 1565 at Mayshill, Westerleigh, the son of Richard (no. 3) and Mary (Hollister) Skidmore. He died there, unmarried, between 2 July and 1 November 1598 (the date and probate of his will).

Nothing is known of this John except for the provisions of his own will proved at Gloucester. In it he directs to be buried in the churchyard at Westerleigh. He leaves to his brother John "the younger" and his two sisters Joyce and Agnes two kyne to be divided among them. To the children of his brother James one shilling each to be paid from the hire of a cow in his possession, and the rest of the hire to go to James Skidmore himself. To his sister Joyce he left 3/4 of a yard of Stamell cloth. To his brother John and his sisters he left 13sh which John Dewes owes him for the hire of a cow in his hands. To his brother William Skidmore he left 13sh 4d "which Langly owes me." To his cousin Mary [presumably the daughter of his uncle William Skidmore] he left 5sh. The rest of his estate was left to his brother John who was to be the whole executor. John Haller major, Christopher Fowler, and John Skidmore were the witnesses.

6. JAMES[4], SKIDMORE, was born about 1565 at Mayshill, Westerleigh, the son and heir of Richard (no. 3) and Mary (Hollister) Skidmore. He died at Ashbury (which is less than a mile from Mayshill) in Westerleigh, and was buried in the church or churchyard of St. James the Great, Westerleigh, on 20 June 1629. He married in 1585 Amy, the daughter of Reynold and Isabel Somerell, at St. Peter's, Frampton Cotterell, Gloucestershire. She was living, his widow, as late as 15 October 1634.

The first mention yet found of this James Skidmore is on 28 January 1590/1 in the will of Martin Neale of Westerleigh which mentions a debt of 12sh owed to him by James Skidmore.

The will of Reynold Somerell of Frampton Cotterell dated 26 August 1605 leaves his daughter Amy, the wife of James Skidmore, one cow immediately after his decease and 5sh each to her children. The will of Isabell Somerell, his wife, on 13 December 1606 also remembers Amy Skidmore and her children: "I give to Amy Skiddmore and unto John her son my greatest pan and my will is that the said Amy and John shall pay to Elizabeth the daughter of the said Amy 3sh 4d apiece." Her grandson John was also to have a coffer in the parlor, and her daughter Amy Skidmore was to have half her wearing apparel except for her best hat which was to go to Isabel's sister, Sibell Dagg. Amy Skidmore was also to have a bordcloth, and her daughter Elizabeth Skidmore a pewter basin. Nicholas Whitehead was one of the witnesses.

The muster of 1608 lists James Skidmore as a husbandman and says that he was then about 50, and a "trayned soldyer of middle stature fitt to make

a musketyer."

On 21 October 1624 James Skidmore and William Croone, his son-in-law, are among the jurors for the King in a view of frankpledge held at Westerleigh. On 6 April 1626 James Skidmore was the foreman of the jury and charged with making the amercements.

The will of James Skidmore was dated 14 June 1629 and directs that he be buried in the church or churchyard at Westerleigh. To his son John he left a tablebord, benches, and a wainscot in the hall of his house, excepting only the cupboard which was to go to his daughter Elizabeth Croome. To his son John he left all his tools of iron such as shovels and axes and all other implements about his house which should be remaining at the death of his executrix. The furnishings of his hall were not to be delivered to his son John and his daughter Elizabeth until after the death of his wife "and further my will is that all things mentioned shall remain after the decease of my son John unto the next survivor of my name ensuing." To his granddaughters Ann and Isabell Skidmore, daughters of his son Richard, he left a bond dated 1 March 1616 wherein Robert Hobbes, the younger, was bound to pay him £40 on the death of his father Robert Hobbes, the elder. All the rest of his goods and chattels were left to his wife, and she was named the sole executrix. The overseers were Thomas Roach of Nibley, Thomas Hollister of Natrig Hill, "and to each of them 8d each." The witnesses were his sons John, Richard and Gilbert (the last did not benefit from the will).

On 6 June 1631 Nathaniel Cope, a tanner at Westerleigh, mentions in his will the payment due the widow Skidmore for a horsehide purchased from her.

At the manorial court on 14 October 1629 we find "Item we present that Edward Milles is to make an adequate fence and ditch from the land of the of the widow Skidmore as far as the lane by the house of John Pickard before the feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Mary next, upon pain to forfeit 10sh." On 15 October 1634 at the manorial court we find: "Item we present that the widow Skidmore is to make and repair her ditch and fence between her land called Brownfield and Ashbury Hill before the feast of the Birth of Christ next, upon paid to forfeit 5sh."

James Skidmore was probably a fairly wealthy farmer, able to afford the apprenticing of all his younger sons to tradesmen in Bristol.

Children:

13. i. John, baptized in 1587 at Frampton Cotterill, his son and heir.

ii. Elizabeth, born about 1590. She married (by 1614) William Croome of Westerleigh. She was buried in the church of St. James the Great, Westerleigh, on 9 May 1637.

14. iii. Richard, born about 1595 at Westerleigh.

15. iv. James, baptized 22 July 1599 at Westerleigh.
16. v. Gilbert, baptized January 1601/2 at Westerleigh.
vi. Reynold, baptized September 1605 at Westerleigh. Probably died young.

7. JOHN[3] SKIDMORE, the younger, was born about 1570 at Mayshill, Westerleigh, the son of Richard (no. 3) and Mary (Hollister) Skidmore. He died, most likely in Ireland, at an unknown date. He married (probably as a 2nd or later wife) Mary Tyson on 6 December 1608 at St. Mary's, Berkeley, Gloucestershire.

He moved to the parish of Wickwar, about five miles north of Westerleigh, where he was presented to the Consistory court at Gloucester 17 June 1607 on a suspicion of incontinence with Joan Sims at Deynton, Gloucestershire. The same charge was presented in the record one month later calling John Skidmore "now of Deynton." He replied from that place on 23 September 1608 saying that it was four years since this matter had first been presented and that Joane Simes had died "nere fower yeres a goe." He also deposed at the same time that "he is presently to depart unto Ireland upon necessary suytes."

John Skidmore was a weaver, aged about 40, and of "lower stature fitt to serve with a calyver" living at Berkeley, Gloucestershire, about 12 miles north of Westerleigh in the muster of 1608. He was left a legacy of only 40sh in the will of his father on 29 August 1609 and his abode is unstated.

Nothing further has been learned of him in Gloucestershire, and perhaps John Skidmore moved to Ireland as he intended.

Richard Skidmore, his father, had business interests in Newbury and Hungerford, Berkshire. It is possible that this John Skidmore is the man who had children baptized in 1590 and 1593 at Newbury and in 1603 and 1607 at Hungerford. The registers at both places are reasonably complete between 1593 and 1603 and the John Skidmore of that place disappears completely between those dates and may have been back in Gloucestershire or elsewhere. The following children are presented, most tentatively, for him for want of any other John Skidmore at the proper time and place.

Children: (possible)

i. Underwood, baptized 19 July 1590 at Newbury, Berkshire. Died young.
ii. Brigit, baptized 11 February 1592/3 at Newbury.
iii. Underwood, baptized 3 July 1603 at Hungerford, Berkshire.
iv. Benjamin, baptized 16 August 1607 at Hungerford.

8. WILLIAM[4] SKIDMORE, was born at Mayshill, Westerleigh, about 1570, the son of Richard (no. 3) and Mary (Hollister) Skidmore. It is very difficult to distinguish between the three men of this name at Westerleigh before 1615, but we believe that he is the William Skidmore who had died before 12 March 1622/3 at Westerleigh, when the administration on his estate was granted. If this is so, then he married Joan _____, who had remarried before that date to Robert Hooper as her 2nd husband.

On 7 May 1605 William Skydmore appeared at the Consistory Court at Gloucester against Francis Nash alias Dewse of Westerleigh. Nash, who was a warburner at Westerleigh aged about 40 in 1608, had accused William Skidmore of having carnal knowledge of the body of one Elizabeth Long wife of Henry Long of Westerleigh unlawfully.

In the muster of 1608 this William Skidmore is aged about 40, of middle stature fit to make a musketeer, and already a trained soldier and a subsidy man. He was a warburner, an occupation which has defied definition.

The will of Thomas Perryman of Mayshill dated 6 February 1613 mentions debts of 2sh 8d owed him by William Skidmore of Maies Hill and 15d owed him by James Skidmore of the same place.

We have assigned two sons to this William Skidmore extracted from the surviving Bishop's transcripts, without any real authority to do so. However it seems certain that he was older than his cousin William (no. 10) and they clearly are not the children of his uncle of the same name. William Skidmore (no. 10) appears to have been unmarried in 1608, and as the child James born in this year was probably named for his uncle we feel that our attribution of his parentage is the correct one.

On 12 March 1622/3 the administration on the goods of William Skidmore, late of Westerleigh, was given to Robert Hooper and Joan, his wife, the relict of William Skidmore. Christopher Cornock of Westerleigh (who would have been a brother-in-law of the deceased if our identification is correct) was the bondsman in the sum of £8.

Children: (probable)

i. James, baptized 7 January 1607/8. No further record.
11. Richard, baptized 28 December 1612. No further record.

9. RICHARD[4] SKIDMORE, the father of Thomas Skidmore of New England, was born at Mayshill, Westerleigh, about 1580 the son of William (no. 4) Skidmore or Scudamore. He was buried in the churchyard of Holy Trinity, Westbury-on-Trym, Gloucestershire, on 25 November 1606. He married Annes [Agnes], a daughter of Richard Lawrence, on 4 September 1604; she married (2) John Cooke.

Westbury-on-Trym is about 12 miles west of Westerleigh and is now a part of metropolitan Bristol. Annes Lawrence was an orphan at the time of her marriage to Richard Skidmore. Richard Lawrence, a stonemason of that place, had been buried on Christmas Day 1603 leaving a will dated two days earlier. In it he left his daughter Annes "half my household stuff and the whole and entire sum of £13 6sh 8d of good English money." He was also survived by two sons Robert and Thomas Lawrence, and Annes Skidmore had a stepmother Joan and a stepbrother Richard Hewes.

Richard Skidmore must have returned almost immediately after his marriage to Westerleigh for they were presented to the Consistory Court (known familiarly as the bawdy court) on 12 December 1604 called "of Westerleigh" on a suspicion of incontinence before marriage. It is likely that Annes Skidmore was already visibly pregnant. This offense was invariably treated with relative leniency by the court.

Less than two years later Richard Skidmore was dead at Westbury-on-Trym, probably after an accident as his will states that he was "broke in body." He is called a carpenter there, and he leaves his wife a debt of 35sh owed him by Stephen Hiett. All of his estate is to be divided between his wife, who is named executrix, and his son Thomas. The will was written by th Rev. Christopher Trumper, curate of Westbury-on-Trym, in the familiar hand of the parish register. He and Alice Sheppard are the two witnesses. Alice was betrothed to Thomas Lawrence, the brother of Annes Skidmore. (He was buried on 27 April 1606 at Holy Trinity leaving a brief will spoken in the presence of his brother Robert Lawrence and his wife in which he directed that Alice Sheppard, his contracted wife, should have the administration of his goods.)

The will of Richard Skidmore was probated at Bristol on 12 September 1607, administration being granted to the widow. On 27 September 1608 she married John Cooke of Westbury-on-Trym. Their children, christened at Westbury-on-Trym, and surnamed COOKE, were:

Children:

i. Mary Cooke, baptized 4 March 1608/9.
ii. Isabel Cooke, baptized 21 March 1610/1.
iii. Martha Cooke, baptized 24 February 1613/4.
iv. Arthur Cooke, baptized 27 May 1616. Buried 18 October 1616.
v. William Cooke, baptized 5 October 1617. Buried 12 October 1617.
vi. Dorothy Cooke, baptized 19 May 1619. Buried 23 March 1632/3 as "ye daughter of Annes Cooke."
vii. John Cooke, baptized 14 November 1621.
viii. Silvester Cooke, a daughter, baptized 30 September 1625.

This list is to be received with some caution for there were two John Cookes in the parish; as the other was a gentleman (and is usually so

identified) the above list seems likely. No probate has been found for either John or Annes Cooke, and we do not know how many of their children survived them.

Two burials are found at Holy Trinity for women who might have been the mother of Thomas Skidmore. An Agnes Cooke was buried on 30 July 1639 and an Agnes Cooke "widdow" on 24 November 1655.

Child:

17. i. Thomas, born about 1605, subsequently of New England.

10. WILLIAM[4] SKIDMORE, was born at Mayshill, Westerleigh, about 1585 the son of William (no. 4) Skidmore or Scudamore. It is difficult to separate this man from his cousin of the same name (no. 8) but he may be the William Skidmore who had a wife Isabel _____ and who was living in 1614.

In the muster of 1608 this William is called a carpenter aged 20 and "of middle stature fitt to make a musketyer."

On 23 September 1613 William Skidmore of Westerleigh was detected on a suspicion of incontinence with Anne Androwe alias Smith and was cited to the Consistory Court at Gloucester. He was purged to produce four witnesses to testify on his behalf, but failed to do so and was ordered to appear.

He is remembered in the will of his aunt Elizabeth Skidmore on 18 September 1614. He is, perhaps, the William Skidmore who was (with Margery Atkins, Cicely Peryman, and Isabel Skidmore) a witness to the will of William Parker at Westerleigh on 18 November 1614. The relationship of William and Isabel Skidmore is unstated, but we assume they were husband and wife. (It is possible he is the elder William, the father, but if that is so we would expect Isabel to have had some small legacy from her sister-in-law earlier in the same year.)

William Skidmore is not mentioned in the administration papers of his father in 1615.

He is probably the man who was present at courts held for Westerleigh on 21 October 1624 and again on 19 October 1626. On 23 October 1628 he was presented to the same court for a "bloodshed upon Steven Pullen with a chesill" for which he was fined 3sh 4d.

Nothing more is known of him. It seems likely that he was dead in 1636, probably without surviving issue. His children, if any, would have been heirs to their uncle Thomas Skidmore in that year.

11. JOHN[4] SKIDMORE, was born about 1585 at Mayshill, Westerleigh, the son of William (no. 4) Skidmore or Scudamore. He was buried at the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Bath, Somerset, on 2 February 1636/7. He was twice married to (1) Mary Clement on 27 February 1613/4 at St. James, Bath; she was buried 1 August 1615 at the church of St. Thomas a Beckett, Widcombe, Somerset, and (2) Joan, a daughter of William Bowes of Claverton, Somerset, at Claverton in 1617. She was the mother of all his surviving issue. At the time of his marriage he was identified as "of St. James's within the city of Bath." She was buried 26 October 1665 at the Abbey Church, Bath.

He probably was the John Skidmore cited to the Consistory Court at Gloucester on 4 January 1603/4 for teaching a school at Westerleigh without a license.

In the muster of Gloucestershire in 1608 he was noted as aged about 20, and a servant to Richard Blosser, a weaver, and "of lower stature fitt to serve with calyver."

He was (presumably) at Westerleigh on 30 November 1615 when he was granted the administration of his father's estate, but is identified as being of Bath when he obtained an aquittance on 18 September 1617 having settled the affairs of the estate. He was in Bath in the mid-1620s when a lay subsidy was taken of Somersetshire.

On 23 February 1627/8 John Skidmore was a yeoman of Widcombe, Somerset, when he had a bond for £80 from Robert Fisher for a payment of a house purchased by Fisher from Skidmore.

He was buried on 2 February 1637 at Bath. His original will was lost in the German bombing of Exeter in World War II but fortunately we have an excellent abstract of it made before the war. It was dated 31 January 1637, and we find that John Skidmore (Scudamore) was a blacksmith. (It would be interesting to know if Thomas Skidmore of New England learned this calling from his uncle.) He left his five children John, Joan, William, Alice and Robert £20 each. His wife was to have his house in Cheap Street in Bath (in the shadow of the great Abbey Church) and after her death it was to go to his son John who was then to pay further legacies of £13 6sh 8d to his brothers and sisters. If John should die before his mother, or refuse to pay the legacies, then it was to go to his son William who was to pay the survivors £20 each, and if William should also have died then to his son Robert, and then to his daughters. His wife was named his executrix, and the overseers were his uncle Williams Robins, and his brother-in-law Richard Druce. The witnesses were Williams Bowes, Williams Robins, Richard Druce, and Robert Rendell.

His brother-in-law Richard Druce had married Alice Bowes (born 1600) at Bathwick on 20 January 1622/3; he was Lord Mayor of Bath in 1649. Probability would suggest that his uncle Williams Robins of Bath was, in fact, his wife's uncle but it is not beyond possibility that Robin's

wife was a daughter of the John Skidmore buried in the Abbey Church on 20 October 1570 if this man was the testator's grandfather. The precise relationship of Robins to Skidmore awaits some further evidence.

Joan Skidmore survived her husband by many years. On 22 February 1636/7 she was named one of the executors of Thomas Skidmore of Westerleigh, no doubt to protect the interest of her children in the estate. Thomas Skidmore, of New England, was the other. On 4 May 1641 she was assessed 8sh on £1 in land at Bath Forum in a lay subsidy of the county.

On 12 May 1654 Robert Fisher of the city of Bath brought a suit in chancery against Joan Skidmore (PRO, C3/433/27). He complained that by deed of 23 February 1627 he became bound for £80 to John Skidmore, her husband, conditioned for the repayment of £43 4sh 0d which he repaid with interest at or near the prescribed time of payment. Joan Skidmore refused to give up the deed although she had been frequently asked to do so.

She was buried 26 October 1665 at the Abbey Church. She also left a will which was destroyed in the Nazi bombing of Exeter but no copy of it is known to exist.

Children: (first wife)

i. Mary, baptized 27 February 1614/5 at St. James, Bath. She was buried 15 January 1616/7 at Widcombe, Somerset.

(second wife, all christened at Widcombe)

18. ii. John, baptized 10 May 1618.
iii. Joan, baptized 26 March 1620. She married Henry Coombes on 16 July 1639 at the Abbey Church, Bath.
19. iv. William, baptized 21 September 1621.
v. Alice, baptized 29 March 1625. She married William Wallis and was buried 21 July 1668 at the Abbey Church, Bath.
vi. Robert baptized 17 July 1627. He was buried 8 March 1659/60 at the Abbey Church, Bath.

12. THOMAS[4] SKIDMORE, was born about 1585 at Mayshill, Westerleigh, the son of William (no. 4) Skidmore or Scudamore, and died there, a bachelor, before 14 September 1636.

In the muster of 1608 he was aged about 20 and a servant to Simon Smith, a husbandman in the adjoining parish of Wapley. He was then "of middle stature fitt to make a musketyer."

On 21 October 1624 Thomas Skidmore held by indenture a messuage on Westerleigh Street in Westerleigh. On the same day: "Item we present Thomas Skidmore to scour his ditch from the backside of Robert Good as

far as the ditch of William Prigg before the feast of St. Thomas the Apostle next, upon pain to forfeit 3sh 4d." On 22 March 1630/1 Thomas Skidmore, sen., and Thomas Skidmore, jun., listed together, are among those who attended a frankpledge at Westerleigh and were fined to pay the expenses of the court. The younger man is Thomas Skidmore of New England.

Later in the same year he was named an overseer in the will of his sister Margery Whitewood.

On 26 February 1631/2 we find: "Item we present Thomas Skidmore to give security to the parish and its subtenants before the 16th day of April next upon pain to forfeit £5 or otherwise... dispose." This was one of a long series of similar entries at this court. It would appear that the common was overgrazed and those who had too many beasts there were to remove them. Against the name of Thomas Skidmore in the margin is "non fit" and on 11 October 1632 he, James Rogers, Robert Sherman, Mariam Browne (daughter of William Browne, gentleman) who had not complied with the first order were warned once again according to the first presentation.

The administration on his estate was first given on 14 September 1636 at the Prerogative Court of Canterbury to John Ellerie of Westerleigh, a creditor. However on 22 February 1636/7 this grant was brought into court and revoked and a new grant was made to Thomas Skydmore, a nephew, and to Joan Skydmore, widow. The first of these was the New England man, and the second was the widow of his brother John of Bath.

FIFTH GENERATION

13. JOHN[5] SKIDMORE, was baptized in 1587 at the church of St. Peter's, Frampton Cotterell, the son of James and Amy (Somerell) Skidmore. He was living 26 September 1633 at Westerleigh. He married Elizabeth, daughter of John Parker, on 15 June 1618 at St. Mary's Thornbury, Gloucestershire.

He is mentioned in the wills of his Somerell grandparents and in 1614 gave a bond of £10 at the apprenticing of his younger brother James Skidmore at Bristol.

He was the heir to this father and doubtless farmed the acres that had been held by his ancestors at least as early as the reign of Henry VIII. As one of the more substantial freeholders of the parish he was present at almost every sitting of the Michaelmas Court from 1626 forward. He is last mentioned as present at court on 26 September 1633, and then disappears having either died or removed. No probate has been found for him.

The will of John Parker, of Thornbury, dated 28 March 1626, gave a pew-

ter platter to each of his two grandchildren, John and Elizabeth Skidmore. It would seem likely that there were younger children of whom we have no present knowledge.

Children: (Incomplete)

i. John, baptized 22 March 1621/22 at Westerleigh.
ii. Elizabeth, living 1626.

14. RICHARD[5] SKIDMORE was born at Mayshill, Westerleigh, about 1595, the son of James (no. 6) and Amy (Somerell) Skidmore. The name of his wife is unknown, but it seems likely that he is the Richard Skidmore who married Elizabeth Jezoppe on 26 October 1636 at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, as a 2nd or later wife.

Richard Skidmore was apprenticed at Bristol on 20 January 1609/10 to John Tym, a cooper, and Blanche his wife. He finished the term of apprenticeship and was admitted a Freeman of Bristol as a hooper on 6 August 1617.

His daughters are remembered in the will of their grandfather in 1629, but nothing else is known of them. No probate has been found for Richard Skidmore at Bristol, but it should be noticed that all the administrations on intestates are missing before 1770 in the diocese.

Children:

i. Ann, living 1629.
ii. Isabel, living 1629.

15. JAMES[5] SKIDMORE was born at Mayshill, Westerleigh, and christened there in the church of St. James the Great on 22 July 1599, the son of James (no. 6) and Amy (Somerell) Skidmore. He probably died before his father.

He was apprenticed at the age of 15 to Edmund Belsier, a soap chandler of Bristol, and Agnes his wife, on 29 September 1614. His brother John Skidmore was bound in the sum of £10 to pay for the expense of the apprenticeship. He was never admitted as a Freeman and probably died before he had completed the term of his apprenticeship.

Neither he nor his brother Gilbert are remembered in the will of their father.

16. GILBERT[5] SKIDMORE was born at Mayshill, Westerleigh, and christened there in January 1601/2. He married Deborah Jeffery at St. Augustine's, Bristol, on 26 November 1629.

He was apprenticed to Edward Wickes, a house carpenter, and Elinor his wife, at Bristol on 13 July 1620, and was admitted as a Freeman of Bristol as a carpenter on 29 July 1628.

He was a witness to the will of his father but did not benefit from it. Nothing further has been learned of Gilbert Skidmore at Bristol or elsewhere.

17. THOMAS[5] SKIDMORE or SCUDAMORE, born in 1605 the son of Richard (no. 9) and Anne (Lawrence) Skidmore. Subsequently of New England, see page 1 of this book.

18. JOHN[5] SCUDAMORE or SKIDMORE was christened 10 May 1618 at St. Thomas a Beckett, Widcombe (now part of Bath), Somersetshire, the son of John (no. 11) and Joan (Bowes) Skidmore. He married (1) _____ Wilde, and (2) Catherine Cutts, a widow, who married John Rowland as her 3rd husband on 18 November 1680 at St. James, Duke Street, London. John Scudamore died in the parish of St. Michael's, Paternoster Royal, London, "of ye stoping the ye stomach" and was buried there on 7 May 1674 leaving a will dated four days earlier.

He was a merchant tailor in the parish of St. Michael's, Paternoster Royal, London.

The will of Hannah Wylde, a widow of St. John's, Walbrook, London, dated 30 March 1651 (and proved at the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, Register Grey, folio 1081) mentions her son-in-law John Skidmore and her grandson Robert Skidmore and left them 12d each.

John Scudamore died in 1674 in the parish of St. Michael's, Paternoster Royal, in the city of London, leaving a will dated 3 May 1674. He left his son Robert Skidmore £50 to be paid within six months after the testator's death. To his three grandchildren John, Robert, and Hannah Scudamore he left £20 each to be paid twelve months after his decease to Mr. William Hill and to his kinsman Robert Bowes of Lumbert (Lombard) Street, London, for them to put out at interest for his grandchildren at the best advantage. He left £20 for his funeral expenses, and 20sh to the poor of the parish. He left his friends William Hill and Robert Bowes 10sh each to buy mourning rings. His wife Catherine was to have the rest of his estate, and she was to serve as executrix. A codicil to his will remembers his "son-in-law" (stepson) John Cutts. The will was proved on 15 October 1674 at the Peculiar of Arches, and is now at the Lambeth Palace Library. A later probate shows that Catherine, his widow, had married John Rowland; he was dead by 27 July 1686 and his estate was being administered by his son Thomas Rowland.

We know something more of this family from a manuscript pedigree set

down by a George Beale Scudamore (born 1789), a descendant, who was living in the 1830s at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, London. According to him this John Scudamore was a knight, which does not seem to be so. Robert Scudamore, his only son, was a citizen and weaver of London and was dead in 1682. John Scudamore, the grandson, was born in 1668 and apprenticed 4 March 1690 to R. Bowes; he was admitted a Freeman at the Weaver's Hall on 27 May 1690. He married Rachel Jarvis and was living at Lambeth Palace in 1729.

A Hannah Skidmore, not identified, was buried in the north aisle of St. Michael's, Paternoster Royal on 8 December 1664.

Children:

i. Robert. He married Susannah Collins on 31 January 1663 at St. Katherine's by the Tower, London. (Robert, a son of Robert and Susan Skidmore, was baptized on 22 January 1664 at St. Olave's, Bermondsey, across Tower Bridge.) He is said to have been a citizen and weaver of London and to have been dead in 1682.

ii. John, baptized 13 July 1671. He died "of a consumption" and was buried in the middle of the north aisle at St. Michael's, Paternoster Royal on 16 July 1671.

19. WILLIAM[5] SCUDAMORE or SKIDMORE was christened 21 September 1621 at St. Thomas a Beckett, Widcombe (now a part of Bath), Somersetshire, the son of John (no. 11) and Joan (Bowes) Skidmore. He had died beyond the seas, a bachelor, before 19 November 1657.

He went with his brother John to London and lived in the parish of St. Savior's at Southwark, Surrey, across the Southwark Bridge from the old city of London. He died abroad (the country is unstated) and the administration on his estate was granted on 19 November 1657 to Robert Bowes, his uncle. The probate shows that his mother Joan Scudamore, his brothers John and Robert Skidmore, and Alice Wallis alias Skudamore, had all renounced the right to administer.

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We have not pursued the Westerleigh family beyond this point, although the name is found in the parish for many years and in adjoining parishes (particularly Frampton Cotterell) well into this century.

Edward Skidmore married Sarah Attwood on 7 February 1638 at Yate, Gloucestershire. On 14 December 1650 (according to the Court Book) Thomas Roberts, Sen., Esq., granted by indenture to Mary Atwood and her assigns two closes with appurtenences called Newley containing nine acres lying in Westerleigh (excepting all coals) to hold to the said

Mary Atwood and during the lives of the said Mary and of Grissold and Elizabeth Schidmore, daughters of Edward Schidmore, and for the life of the longest liver of them, paying 10sh per annum at four feasts and suit of court twice in the year, and she is to covenant to repair the premises and to take hedgebote for doing thereof. [Grissold and Elizabeth are likely to be children, and perhaps even infants as it was to the tenant's advantage to get young lives named in this kind of lease. Mary Atwood was their maternal grandmother. Edward, the father, may have been a younger son (and possibly the heir) of John (no. 13) and Elizabeth (Parker) Skidmore, but we have not looked for proof of this].

There are several persons found at Bath, Bristol, and Gloucester as well as in rural parishes, who may be related to the Westerleigh family:

BRISTOL WILLS

27 February 1473	Thomas Skydmore was a witness to the will of William Hynde, burgess and whittawer of St. James, Bristol.
12 February 1493	Isabel Skydmore was left a legacy of 40sh in the will of William de la Founte, merchant, of St. Stephens, Bristol, whom he calls "my servant."

REGISTER OF ST. JAMES, BATH

29 June 1589	William Skydmore, buried.

REGISTER OF ST. NICHOLAS, GLOUCESTER

25 May 1578	William Skydmore & Margaret Street, married.
4 October 1584	Robert, son of William Skydmore, baptized.
14 August 1585	Margaret, wife of William Skydmore, buried.

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9 October 1588	Thomas Skydmore of the city of Gloucester "he liveth with Margaret Wall & yt is not knowne whether married."

REGISTER OF HANHAM & OLDHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE

1 August 1630	Sara, daughter of William Skidmore, baptized.

REGISTER OF KELSTON, SOMERSETSHIRE

9 August 1630	Joan, wife of William Skidmore of Oysterhaven, County Cork, Ireland, buried. (Undoubtedly the same William Skidmore in the item above.)

REGISTER OF ST. MARY-LE-PORT, BRISTOL

6 August 1633	Francis Bartlett & Elizabeth Schidmore, married.

REGISTER OF BRISLINGTON, SOMERSETSHIRE

13 November 1614	Robert, son of William Scudamore, baptized. (Elsewhere we learn that William Scudamore, a yeoman, had married a daughter of William Harvo.

On 19 December 1614 William Scudamore agreed to pay Sir Rowland Lacy, Knt., of Shipton, Oxfordshire, on 29 September £200 for the loan of £110. His brother-in-law William Harvo of Keynesham, Somerset, and John Wory of Bedminster in the same county were bound with Scudamore for repayment of the loan. In 1622 Wory refused to cancel his bond and sued Harvo.)

There are many variations in spelling the name 'Skidmore.' These include 'Scudamore,' 'Scidmore,' 'Skydmore,' plus others. In this work all are indexed as 'Skidmore.'

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